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Prof. W. L. Jackson's Concert a Notable Affair—"Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" at Bethel Church Each Month, Proving to be Quite Popular—Miss Bessie La Belle at the De Luxe Cafe—Fallowship Banquet at the Young Men's Christian Association—Miss Belle Davis Visits her Mother who is Ill.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Freeman Bureau, 3000 South State St., Phone, Douglass 8058, Automatic 75-233.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 3.—(Special)—For the first time in the history of this city, a member of the race has been nominated for Alderman. He is Mr. Oscar De Priest, one of the most widely known men in the West, an astute politician, leader of men, successful real estate dealer and former member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. It was a three-cornered fight for the nomination. Hon. Louis B. Anderson, the lawyer, soldier and citizen, and Mr. Charles Griffen, a well known church worker. Mr. De Priest had the backing of the "organization" while Mr. Anderson was single handed and alone, save the backing of the Chicago Defender. According to police returns, Mr. De Priest received 3,194, Mr. Anderson 2,632 and Mr. Griffen 1,432. There were five white men in the race but they fell away behind; in fact, they were not in the running. Credit, however, must be given to Mr. De Priest for having such a well oiled organization and it worked smoothly. Mr. Anderson gave him a "run" but De Priest nosed under the wire with flying colors.

All for De Priest.

All the candidates are for De Priest. He is the regular Republican nominee and he is receiving congratulations from all sides. All you can hear is "elect De Priest." The sentiment of the entire Second Ward is summed up in the following editorial: "Self-preservation is the first law of nature. We have had bitter experience in trusting our fortunes to members of the other race who have promised the heavens before election and give you the other place after election. Chicago sent two able men to Springfield and proposes to send Oscar De Priest to the city council. There is no question about his election if the different factions unite, as undoubtedly they will. Those of us who cast our lots either with Mr. Anderson or with Mr. Griffin realize that after all only one man could win, and since the winner is a member of our own race all differences must be brushed aside and unite our strength from now on and cast in favor of Mr. De Priest. The Defender first, last and all the time stands as its name implies, a defender of the race. The success of any individual is the success of every individual. From this issue we will as vigorously and as persistently advocate the election of Mr. De Priest as we did the nomination of Mr. Anderson. And in this connection let it be understood that we are not 'flopping.' We have no ax to grind; the public showed plainly who their choice was, and as servants of the public we enter in the spirit of the fray with all good wishes. We believe that all good, loyal citizens should and will lay aside their petty personal objections, if they have any, and unite with the Defender in an earnest effort to land in the city council as alderman from the Second Ward, our own race candidate, Oscar De Priest."

Mr. Louis B. Anderson said to the Freeman Representative that he "was with the nominee and would support him and urge all others to do so." Mr. Griffen said that he, too, would support Mr. De Priest. All the women have come to the conclusion that Mr. De Priest must be elected. There is not a man of the race in the ward who will be so bold as to be against him as the one chief aim now is to have race representation in the council.

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Concert of Prof. W. L. Jackson.

Prof. W. L. Jackson gave a concert on Wednesday evening of last week at Odd Fellows Hall, 3335 State street. He is the first colored man in the history of the race to play Paganini's Concerto No. 1 (D Major) Wilhelm. This concerto is a difficult one, abounding in double stoppings of thirds, sixths, octaves, tenths, broken cords, intricate scale passages and bowings, and requires a good knowledge of studies of Rhode, Schradieck, Sevcik and Paganini to be able to render it. There were a large number of Chicago's music lovers present. It was the concensus of opinion that his playing was excellent. Prof. Boarman said after the concert that "It was the first time he had ever heard a man of the race attempt such a difficult number and that his bowing ,technique and tonation was admirable and only a great master like Paganini could play this number." Mr. Dorsey, one of the best known violinists in the city, said: "I was greatly pleased with Prof. Jackson's playing of Paganini's Concerto and everyone around me was surprised to know that he had so completely mastered the violin. It was the first time I have ever heard a colored artist play this great number." Mrs. Stoval, a musician, said she was greatly pleased with his playing and especially was he fine in his bowing, technique and tone. I could sit and hear him all night." Mr. Harrison Emanuel, the violinist, was present and said he, too, was greatly pleased with the playing of all the numbers. Prof. Jackson also played "Zigeunerweisen" from Sasate and "Fantasia Appassionata" from Vieuxtemps. He was accompanied by Mrs. Penella Jackson, his wife, who showed special training, being able to master such big numbers. Mrs. Jackson also played excellently "Les Deux Alonettes" by Leschitzky and "Praeludium" from Mendelssohn. The concert was an artistic success. Mr. W. Allison Sweeny, contributing editor of the Chicago Defender, delivered an address touching upon the history of the great selection played by Prof. Jackson. It was a masterly address and gave evidence of the musical evolution of the race as measured by the last fifty years. Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint gave a reading of "The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia" that was pronounced very good. Mme. Annis Hackley, who has a sweet lyric voice, sang very acceptably "Herodiade" and "Ava Maria." All the numbers were liberally applauded. It proved to be the biggest and most artistic concert given in the city in years. Prof. Jackson conducts a studio at 3111 State street.

PROF. W. L. JACKSON

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Mrs. S. H. Dudley to Have Guests.

Mrs. S. H. Dudley, 5326 Wabash avenue, will have as her guests next week. Mrs. Jessie Hutcherson, of Detroit, Mich. Not long since Mrs. Dudley visited Mrs. Hutcherson and all Detroit made it pleasant for the formerly noted stage artist. When the guest comes from Detroit to Chicago many functions will be given in her honor.

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Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Bethel.

Dr. T. A. Smythe started some weeks ago a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" once a month and it has proven to be the most delightful place to go than any place in the city on a Sunday. Last Sunday ,a fine program was rendered. Mr. W. E. Gossett sang "Agnes Dei" by Bizit. Miss Miller, a piano solo from Verdi. The choir rendered an anthem, "Bethel Rally Song," words and music by Rev. Smythe and Prof. Mundy. An organ solo was rendered by Miss Pauline J. Lee. Mr. John Wesley Jones rendered "O Rest in the Lord." The feature of the exercises was the address on "Coleridge Taylor." It was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Bentley. He paid a glowing tribute to the great composer and also the late Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Dr. Bentley showed the difference of the two great spirits, one born and living in England and the other born and living in this country. One knowing only freedom and liberty and the possibilities of expansion and the other of discrimination and the fight to be heard even though a genius. Mr. Carroll K. Dickerson, a young genius on the violin, was great and easily the best musical number on the program. Mrs. Clara Hutchinson was one of the few singers who really put soul in her music and exhibited training. The program closed with "Inflammatus," which was well rendered.

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Miss Bessie La Belle at the De Luxe.

Miss Bessie La Belle, the charming and phenomenal baritone singer, will be heard at the De Luxe Cafe on Sunday night. The De Luxe is the cafe at 3503 State street with Messrs. Wm. Bottoms and F. Preer, proprietors. It opened in September, 1914, and has been successful ever since. The fixtures in the bar are new and well adapted to handle the large trade. The cafe has become famous for high class entertainment. Aside from its orchestra is Mr. Ollie Powers, known as the "sweetest tenor in the west." Miss Lucile Hagaman is the soprano singer, and now comes Miss Bessie La Belle. She has a wonderful voice. She sings because she loves it and knows how. She has been singing ever since she was a girl. She was one of the first to introduce "If I Forget," with great success. She has been on the stage and knows all the arts of pleasing and entertaining. She is now at home, finding the work remunerative. Large crowds will greet her this coming Sunday night. The De Luxe is fortunate in securing such a great drawing card. We bespeak for the place continued success with Miss Bessie La Belle as the star entertainer. For a lovely personality as well as a pleasing and delightful voice, she is the one big hit in the west.

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Miss Belle Davis Here.

Miss Belle Davis, known all over the world as one of the big stage artists, is in the city to see her mother, who has been ill at 6117 Ada street. Mrs. Susan George, her mother, has been very ill and Miss Davis came all the way from London, England, to see her. Now that the sick is better, Miss Davis will leave the middle of the month for London.

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Banquet at Y. M. C. A.

Just before we mail this letter, a call is being made for those who are expected at the fellowship banquet at the Y. M. C. A. A fine program has been arranged with the writer as toastmaster. A number of prominent men of the city are to speak. There will be many surprises at the banquet. A full account in next week's issue.

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Captain Byrd Here.

Captain Byrd, of Springfield, Ill., and all parts of the lower end of the state, was in the city last week. He paid his respects to Col. F. A. Denison and the new regiment. He is on his annual tour of the United Brothers of Friendship.

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Mrs. Bessie Johnson Indisposed.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson, sister of Mrs. Etta Valdes, 5241 Wabash avenue, has been indisposed for several days. Mrs. Johnson was out autoing several nights ago and contracted a cold. At this writing she is much better and expect to make a trip to South Bend, Ind., with her cousin, Miss Marie Johnson.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Monarchs' Dance a Success—Other News of the Twin Cities.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

The Monarch club, the leading social club of the twin cities, gave its sixth annual dance at the Elks' auditorium Thursday evening, February 25, 1915. Thirty-five couples attended. The grand march was led by Mr. Cecil Pope and Miss Pearl Johnson. It started promptly at 9:30 o'clock. The women had special gowns for the occasion. Some of the gowns were extremely beautiful. The men wore evening dress.

Following the grand march there was a two-step and the hall was in motion until 2 a. m. The hall was beautifully decorated. Turner's orchestra played twenty-four numbers. A banquet was served at 11 o'clock. They turned out in automobiles, carriages and limousines.

The dance was a grand success, and will go down in history of the club as the greatest, happiest and most congenial yet given.

Out-of-town guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Will Beeler and Mr. H. Houston, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, of Farmer City; Mr. Russel Blue and Miss Carrie Thorp, of Decatur; Vernon Ward, of Peoria; Miss Coza Chavis, of Tuscola; Miss Canthole, of Danville; Miss P. Sheen, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dickerson, of Vincennes, Ind.

A. M. E. Church.

Rev. Jameson preached in the morning on "Building the Church." Miss Emma Phillips and Mr. Clay Brook led the young people's meeting.

The Majestic Theater.

The Chicago Stock company was at the theater Monday with a very good show. Many turned out to see the show. Lillard and Lillard, Indian tango, singers and dancers; Mule Bradford, comedian; H. H. Puggsley, acrobat, and Henrietta Brown.

Salem Baptist Church.

The pastor, Rev. J. M. Owens, was away for the day, preaching at Hillsboro. Rev. John Rivers preached in the morning on "Christ, the Way to God." Rev. M. F. Martin preached in the afternoon on "Spiritual Help."

Mrs. S. L. Edwards' residence was burned last week at 1408 East Champagne street, Urbana. There was not a thing saved.

A Peter Ogden day celebration was held Monday evening, March 1, at Salem Baptist church at 8 o'clock, which included the following program: Organ, Mrs. Harvey King; invocation, Rev. J. M. Owens; song, choir; paper, Oneida Penich; song, Earl Carter; reading, Devlice Allen; instrumental, Helen Johnson; reading, Miss Ida Carter; solo, Mrs. E. T. Dean; recitation, Arthur Anderson; paper, Mrs. Ogden, William Williams; remarks, G. W. Roe; solo, Mrs. Jennie Chavers.

SAVES LARGE SUM WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.

Special to The Freeman.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Two colored boys, James Jeter and Edward Allen, of this city, joined the Savings Club of the Union Trust Company of that city and saved over $100.00 since January 7, 1914. These boys have a joint shoe-cleaning stand which they run after school hours. Aside from saving this money, they have bought their own clothes and school books.

BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS WATCHING ANTI-NEGRO LEGISLATION.

FORMER ACTRESS OPENS LARGER BUSINESS.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Odessa Warren Grey, of this city, one of the race's best known and most artistic milliners, has moved into new and larger quarters at 2221 Seventh avenue. Mrs. Grey is said to have a large patronage among Broadway actresses.

NEWSPAPER MAN ELECTED TO HEAD OFFICE.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK—N. B. Dodson, editor of the Afro-American page of the American Press Association, has been elected president of the Sons of Virginia of Greater New York.

PROPRIETOR OF FAMOUS HOTEL DALE RECOVERS.

Special to The Freeman.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Feb. 26.—Edward W. Dale, proprietor of the famous Hotel Dale, is at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., recovering from a recent illness. The Hotel Dale is being prepared to receive its spring and winter guests.

SAYS COLORED PEOPLE FIRST TO DO THE TANGO.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 16.—According to James Reese Europe, the eminent Negro-American composer, the tango and other modern dances had their origin among the colored people.

THEY ORGANIZE CORN AND TOMATO CLUBS.

Special to The Freeman.

ATLANTA, GA.—The assessed value of colored people's property in Brooks county, Georgia, is $556,977.70. In the Dixie district of this county, an industrial school under Miss Lillie Gaines and the Simon Hill Baptist church, under Rev. W. F. Turner, have done much to develop habits of thrift and economy among the colored people. This year they have six (6) corn and tomato clubs and have put up 3,900 jars and cans of these products.

PAYS MORE TAXES THAN ANYBODY IN COUNTY.

Special to The Freeman.

ATLANTA, GA.—R. G. McAdem, traveling correspondent for the Atlanta (Ga.) Independent, says that Dr. C. P. Washington, a colored physician of Waycross, Ga., pays more taxes than any other one man in the county.

NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE COMPANY DOES BIG BUSINESS.

Special to The Freeman.

DURHAM, N. C.—The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, of Durham, N. C., has just closed its 1914 records with the following figures: Total business for the year, $400,000.00; increase over 1913, $50,000.00; amount paid to policy-holders, $200,000.00.

SEND RESOLUTION OF RESPECT TO GOVERNOR.

Special to The Freeman.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 19.—The Montgomery Local Negro Business League presented resolutions of respect to Hon. Emmet O'Neal the retiring governor of their state, endorsing his administration as one of justice to the race. While governor, Mr. O'Neal set up a standard in the matter of lynching, which all state executives would do well to follow.

APPOINTED CASHIER OF LARGE TEXAS FIRM.

Special to The Freeman.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—Clarence Stacks, a recent honor graduate of the Denver (Colo.) University, has been appointed cashier and head bookkeeper of the Fraternal Bank & Trust Company of this city.

COLORED BANKS CONSOLIDATE.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 18.—The Alabama Penny Savings Bank and the Prudential Savings Bank, both of this city, have consolidated. The Penny Savings Bank was established by the late W. R. Pettiford, and is the oldest Negro bank in the country. The Prudential, with Dr. U. G. Mason as president, started about four years ago.

NEWS OF BRUNSWICK, GA.

On last Wednesday night, February 24th, St. Paul A. M. E. church gave a grand entertainment at Mrs. Mamie Ponder's residence, 1409 Mansfield street. The house was decorated with palms and ferns. The eats were something fine, such as deviled crabs, cake, ice cream, ham, salmon, salad, potatoe salad and grape juice, a la e Ponder punch. The entertainment was a grand success. The same will be given again on March 8th. Good music will be furnished by Keith's Orchestra. The public is invited. Come out and help St. Paul A. M. E. church. .. Miss Madeline Worthy, of Owensferry, is now spending a while in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Worthy, 1923 Albany street. .. Mrs. M. E. Malone has now opened up a swell cafe at 202 Monk street, where the public is cordially invited to come and try one of her meals. You can get anything you want to eat at this cafe, day or night. Pre-Lenten season is now on. What will the dancing boys and girls do here now. Nothing to do but wait until the forty days are out and then O, you Easter hops. .. Read the Freeman and get wise. Mr. Praytor Keith handles the paper every week. So see him if you want something good to read.

NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

Bishop Walter Intercedes in Behalf of his Race Against Pernicious Measures Before Congress.

CHURCHMAN SENDS TELEGRAM TO CHAMP CLARK

The Freeman Representative Takes up the Case of a Little Girl in Jersey City who was Attacted by a White Man—William Monroe Trotter, Editor of the Boston Guardian, Given a Rousing Reception on his Appearance at Bethel Church Monday Night—Prof. Pickens Writes Afro-American Song.

Allen's National News Bureau,
252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK CITY, March 1.—Bishop Alexander Walters, the noted Zion churchman and race champion and one of the most highly accomplished men of this nation, is keeping an eye on affairs at Washington with special reference to those measures which are coming up affecting the race. The Bishop is a staunch race man and always looks out for those measures which have for their tendent the reduction of the Negro to serfdom. When the infamous Jim-Crow measure came up for discussion a few weeks ago, Bishop Walters sent a telegram to the powers that be registering his protest against the bill. The Bishop sent the following telegram to Hon. Champ Clark and Hon. Oscar Underwood, leader and Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively: "Dear Sir: On behalf of the Negros of the country I appeal to you to use your influence against the passage of the separate coach bill of the City of Washington. It is unfair and unjust to the Negroes of the North and will ruin the Democratic party in this section." Information reached this bureau from good and reliable source that the telegram of Bishop Walters did much to quell the outburst of sentiment that had come up in favor of the bill and was the means of killing the former enthusiasm on the part of the Southerners to have the bill become a law. Ex-Governor Sulzer, who has earned the reputation of being the Negro's friend, says it was the telegram of Bishop Walters that had more to do with quashing and probably defeating the bill than any other protest. The Bishop has done much quiet and effective work along this line in behalf of his race which is never known. Your correspondent, who is in close touch with the Bishop, can speak with truthfulness with reference to this statement. The bishop is constantly speaking out for his race, and when opportunity presents itself, he always strikes out at the unjust discrimination that exists in this country against the members of the race. The Bishop is especially strong in his denunciation of lynching. The Bishop is an especially strong race leader and his words go a long way to get recognition for the race. Bishop Walters and Booker T. Washington are two of the most active leaders in defense of the race today.

The Bishop will leave this week for an extended tour of the west on business pertaining to the work of the Zion Church. He will return within a month and will then visit his New England conference preparatory to straightening out matters to the holding of the annual conference in Providence, R. I.

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Correspondent Takes Up Fight for the Race.

A few weeks ago Joseph Smith, a white man, 54 years of age, made an attack up a little girl of the race 5 years old at her home in Jersey City N. J. The girl is the daughter of Mrs. Minnie Dyer, a respectable family of Jersey City and member of the St. Mark's M. E. church of New York. The case was reported to the prosecutor of Jersey City, who conducted the case in a perfunctory manner. Smith was arrested and promptly released on a small bail. He was released without the knowledge of the parents, and when Mrs. Dyer went to see how the case was progressing she was horrified when she was told that the man was released. Mrs. Dyer has called upon the prosecutor of Jersey City several times, but each time she states to your correspondent she has failed to get satisfaction. She is making a desperate effort to get justice in the case and judging from the run that things have taken she will succeed in getting the case before the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Your correspondent has become interested in the case and has joined in the fight for justice on the part of the mother. The governor has written the following letter to your correspondent: "My dear sir: By direction of Governor Fielder I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22 inst., complaining that one Joseph Smith is alleged to have assaulted a colored girl, five years of age, in Jersey City. By the Governor's direction I have forwarded the same to the prosecutor of the Pleas of Hudson County with the request for a report of the same." On the receipt of my letter to the Governor, he immediately ordered an investigation with reference to have the case brought up in the courts. On the suggestion of the Governor the prosecutor of Hudson county has written the following letter to your correspondent which purports to be the facts in the case. The letter indicates that the prosecutor is not playing square in this case and is trying to defend himself with the "goods caught on him." Extracts from the letter are as follows: "Your favor of the 22 inst to Governor Fielder has been forwarded by him to me as prosecutor of this county, referring to the case of the daughter of Mrs. Dyer of Jersey City, where it is charged that one Joseph Smith, 54 years of age, committed a criminal assault upon the child, and in answer would say that Mrs. Dyer saw me personally sevral times and I personally gave direction in this case to present the matter before the grand jury, which was done. Mrs. Dyer claimed that the child was examined here by two doctors at the hospital and they reported there was no such evidence of any such condition. When the grand jury refused to indict, I again instructed my assistant, Mr. Vickers, to further investigate the matter, as I wanted to see that justice was fully done, and a further investigation was made which resulted in a report that the evidence would not justify indictment. Your suggestion in your letter that an attempt was being made in this case to cover up this case is absolutely false and baseless and is only evidence to base the same upon. Furthmore your other suggestion that there was any discrimination because this girl is a colored girl is unfair and crude and without justification." Your correspondent will keep up this fight and will assist in bringing to justice this white criminal. The case is being handled by Counselor Hartgrove, one of the ablest lawyers of New Jersey.

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Metropolis Ready for Trotter.

The metropolis is all ready for Monroe Trotter, who is scheduled to speak in this city tonight. The meeting promises to be one of the strongest anti-segregation meetings held in this city and the men and women to the man will be present and give Trotter the greatest reception he has ever had. This is the first appearance of Trotter since the famous White House interview and colored citizens of this city are anxious to see and hear the man who struck the second blow for the second emancipation. Mr. Trotter will speak at the Mother Zion A. M. E. church and the meeting will be held under various literary societies of the city. Special music will be furnished by the choral union of this city under the direction of Mrs. Leta Beman. Master William Butler, boy violinist, will also appear together with the choir of the church and other talent. At the conclusion of the meeting a banquet will be served. Further reference to this meeting will be reported in another issue of this paper.

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Pickens Writes Afro-American Song.

Prof. William Pickens, of Wiley University, who on the day of his graduation was an honor man at Yale University, has sent your correspondent a copy of the song he has written entitled "An Afro-American Song." The song contains five verses with the refrain and is sung to the tune of the "Marseillaise," the national French song, and was sung by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Washington, February 1, where it took first prize in song contest. The song is a call to arms and urges the race to rally to fight its cause. Your correspondent will make further reference to this song.

SHEFFIELD, ALA., NOTES.

The educational rally at the C. M. E. church last Sunday was met with success, being able to reach required amount of $23.65, to be raised at this charge. We also thank the members and friends of both the Gaston chapel and Calvary Baptist churches for their presence and assistance in our great effort. Rev. Wm. Keller, pastor of the latter, preached an able sermon at 11 a. m., which was full of logic and too was enjoyed by all.

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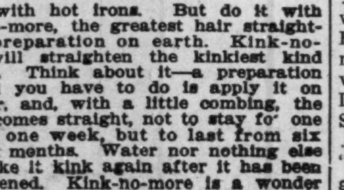

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DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran St. Phone Haskell 6956.

(By Col. J. G. Griffin.)

The Negro Poll Tax League is in the limelight. City election the talk. Negroes want positions and not individual pie as of yore. Old-timers are getting hard jolts on every side of the younger men of affairs, who are stirring those who have paid to a standard.

Mrs. M. A. Reager, of Waxahachie, has permanently located here and is residing on Hugo street.

The churches all had large attendance last Sunday owing to the weather being so nice and warm.

Sunday, March 28, has been the day set aside for all the Pythians of the world to observe as thanksgiving day. All the lodges, Courts of Calanthe, uniform companies, band and cadets in Dallas will be out on that day. The committee is at work on the plans, place and speakers and a general program.

Mrs. J. A. St. Claire, the efficient saleswoman for Negro books, is in the city again, calling among our people in the interest of her work.

Mr. Jessie Cook, the manager of the Park Theatre, had a large number of the performers at his informal reception on Thursday afternoon and memories were gone over and future things looked after in the interest of the profession. One and all were joyed up to voting the Freeman as their standard bearer and send regards to all in and out of the profession. Mr. Cook can be addressed at 104 Duncan street.

Mr. Frank Mullin visited in Waxahachie on business and to see his father and other relatives.

Men will accede to the wish of better thought and wise judgment of propositions for the advancement of all the people. Such is the case in the metropolis today. Will the Negroes who have a vote see it that way and unite it with others, so to speak, on election day, so as to help all the Negroes up to where it will count and prove that something has been accomplished.

Mr. Arthur Adams and Miss Marguerite Bolden were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock last Monday night at 2715 Gilliott street at the home of the bride and in the presence of a few of their friends. All wish them well.

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Mrs. Lela Sims was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Neal, 2415 Montezuma street, and other Dallas friends while here on a visit to relatives from her Chicago home.

The following are the officials elected to guide safely the Y. M. C. A. of Dallas: Dr. T. W. White, president; Col. S. T. Simpson, vice-president; Prof. S. A. Young, secretary; Rev. B. F. White, treasurer.

Ask to be shown Henry & Mother's eating place when hungry. They will serve you right.

Mrs. Georgia Patton is at the bedside of her mother in Marshall, Texas.

Pneumonia and la grippe are holding on among the people. The following are improving: Mrs. Dora Alexander, Mrs. Nana Lacy and little Allie Lacy, Mrs. Lenora Collins and daughter, Mrs. M. Bond, Mrs. Lee Record, Mrs. Tillie Brown, Mrs. Mollie Morris. The remains of Mr. Clafe Lethridge were shipped to Courtney for burial, accompanied by his brother, last Wednesday.

Meet us at the Freeman headquarters, 2922 Cochran street, Monday night, March 1st. The Boy Cadets Campfire will have an entertainment, which will be a full dress military affair. All are welcome. See all the men in their new uniforms that night. Companies numbers 4 and 15 have held their elections and have a new set of officers to guide them in the future.

Mr. John Reed and Miss Mary Pryor were united in marriage in the presence of a large number of their friends on last Wednesday night at 2516 Swiss avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price are at home to their friends at 1519 Bank avenue.

Mr. Ruby Richardson and Miss Julia Heflin stole a march on their friends and got married the past week. They shyly are getting the glad hand of their friends daily.

These are the men who make up the executive committee of the Negro Poll Tax League of the city: Mr. M. J. Weil, 2630 Trinidad street; W. P. Johnson, 3321 Thorn avenue; Mr. E. D. Wilburn, 2907 Flora street; Mr. S. T. Simpson, 1603 1-2 Jackson street; J. F. Williams, 3309 Thomas avenue; Mr. C. B. Smith, 1220 Dey street; Mr. W. H. Page, 1903 Wall street; Rev. A. Gordon, 3319 State street; Mr. G. L. Boswell, 1205 East Ninth street; Mr. A. A. Smith, 1304 Commerce street.

Mr. Tom Palmer, the black Jew, is located on the Central stroll with his goods. See him and save money. Don't promise if you can't pay. Time is money. So don't let us burn up our time trying to collect ours.

JACKSONVILLE ILL., NEWS.

(By Nellie Early.)

The Domestic Social Club met February 19th with Mrs. M. J. Davis, 137 west Richard street, with a large attendance. Those who assisted in entertaining were Mesdames Chas. Jackson, Clotella Taylor and N. J. Blue. The guests were Mesdames A. Cooper and L. Meadows. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. Haithman, on south Prairie street. .. The Allen's Improvement Club met February 19th with Mrs. A. J. Jones, on south Fayette street, and was royally entertained by Mrs. Emma Ogden. .. Mr. Wells, of Springfield, Ill., was the guest of Lenord Wheeler, also other friends here. .. The Civic League met recently with a large attendance at the A. M. E. church. .. Sunday will be quarterly meeting at A. M. E. church, and it will be under the auspices of the Civic League. It is also Go-To-Church-Day. Special meeting at 3:00 o'clock p. m. .. Mr. Richard Pharr, better known as "Dick," of Bowling Green, Mo., was the guest of Mrs. Sarah Bell, his daughter, also other relatives here. .. Miss Nellie Early, our reporter, was royally entertained at an excellent dinner, February 14th, at the residence of Mrs. Ed. Ramey, on south West street. Mrs. Ramey sure has good dinners. When in the city give her a trial. You will sure go back again, as her meals are delicious and fine. .. The Needle Craft Club met February 17th with Mrs. W. Bryant, on south Lurton street. Miss Katherine Johnson, of New York, ably spoke to the club members. .. Russel Davis, better known as "Dollie," of Pittsburgh, visited his brother, Wesley, here recently. .. The North End Social Club met February 17th with Mrs. Leta Mounts. .. Carl Spencer, W. M. Morton and Chestine Mason have resigned from the Primrose Club. .. A pleasant surprise party was given recently in honor of Mr. Rowland Timberlate, at his home, on south Prairie street. It being his birthday. .. Misses Katherine and Gladys Hayden received as a present from their aunt, Mrs. Rosy Bell, of St. Louis, Mo., a diamond ring each. .. The Universal Club of Mt. Emery Baptist church held a very successful supper, February 18th, at the church. .. The C. W. B. M. met recently with Mrs. Sherman Mounts, on Oak street. .. Among the sick are little Isal Mounts, Master Artis Brooks, Miss Alice Moore, Mary Underwood, Rosy Carpenter, Emma Early, Francis Carter and many more. There is considerable sickness here. We hope for all a speedy recovery. .. A grand rally will be held the first Sunday in May. We hope to raise one thousand dollars. It being the A. M. E. churche's rally. .. A grand banquet was held February 16th by the Allen's Improvement Club, at the A. M. E. church. .. A successful supper was given, February 18th, by the Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist church. .. Brotherhood meeting of Second Baptist church was held February 17th, at the church.

McDONALD, PA.

The Booker T. Washington Literary Society met on Monday evening and rendered a long and interesting program. Among the features of the evening was a solo rendered by our chorister, Mr. Chas. Redd, and the interesting debate on the subject, "Are Moving Picture Shows Detrimental to Our Race?"

A number of relatives and friends attended the funeral services of Mr. Sidney Thornton, of Monongahela City, on Wednesday of last week. Among those who attended were Mr. W. A. Harvey and daughters, the Misses Elda and Mary Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brown and sons, Messrs. Lacz, Floyd and Howard Thornton, Mrs. Lee Lynch, Mrs. S. C. Bennett and Miss Jeannette Brown.

Mrs. Sarah Tyler is rapidly recovering from an operation performed in the Pittsburg Hospital one day last week.

Mrs. Mildred Mosley, of Pittsburg, was a McDonald visitor on Sunday.

Messrs. Wm. Mills, Edward Sallee and Nolan Cobbs were Burgettstown callers on Sunday.

A lovely surprise party was tendered our pastor, Rev. G. E. Sallee on last Wednesday evening, February 10, by the members of the church under the auspices of Mrs. C. A. Berry and Mrs. Thos. Beard. It was quite a success, the Rev. and family being the recipient of many packages for which he was very grateful.

A grand concert was given by the Household of Ruth in the colored K. of P. and Odd Fellows' Hall on Monday evening. Among the features of the evening were the various selections of the Star Lyceum Quartette and those of the McDonald Female Quartette.

The people of our race in this town and its vicinity are greatly rejoiced at the liberation of our brother and friend, Mr. Percy Thompson, who was on trial last week for murder. We are glad to know that one o four race was able to come to his rescue in the person of Attorney Robert L. Vann, of Pittsburg. Attorney Vann has won wide fame among both races in Pittsburg and surrounding towns and it is our earnest prayer for his success on his upward march.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beard are the recipients of a well appreciated box from her mother and friends of the State of Virginia. Among the contents of the box was a well roasted chicken prepared and ready to be carved. They invited several of their friends to partake of the delicacies and especially the chicken. Mr. Beard considered it best to preserve the bones of his choice fowl and is making preparation for its burial. The deceased will be quietly laid to rest at one end of the garden spot of his late residence on Valley street. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

Mr. Mose Thompson, of Bridgeville, was a McDonald visitor last Wednesday evening.

PEORIA, ILL.

(By Elmer R. Price.)

On last Sunday the Christian Endeavor of Ward Chapel gave a program in honor of the birth anniversary of Richard Allen and the fifteenth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor. Mr. H. F. Johnson gave a eulogy on "The Apostle of Evangelism. Bishop Grant." Reading, "Saved to Serve," by Mrs. Mary Banks. Reading, "Soul Action,' Mrs. Madaline Booze. Solo, "Our Fathers Church," Miss Eula Crabb. Invocation, Rev. S. B. Jones.

Mr. Louis Owens surprised his many friends on February 17th by taking unto himself a bride, who was Miss Madaline Wilson. Mr. Owens is the popular young tailor.

Mrs. J. W. Hickland has returned from Galesburg, where she was called by the serious illness of her brother, who is now improved.

Rev. Felix Cartwright, of Joliet, preached Sunday at Mt. Zion church.

The Young Men's Progressive Club will give a banquet on March 4.

Miss Geneva Clark, of Springfield, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Patterson.

Mr. R. B. Montgomery, of Milwaukee, Wis., is in the city for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Dr. J. A. Cotton is still unable to be out.

The Peoria branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is progressing nicely and we hope every one will take interest in this organization and become members. Inasmuch as the purpose and plans of the organization directly concerns every Afro-American man and woman it behooves us all to get in on this get-together movement to suppress segregation, discrimination and Jim-crowism throughout this free country.

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NEWS FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Bishop W. D. Chappelle, D.D., the president of the General Educational Board of the Florida A. M. E. conference, has called the annual meeting of that body for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the promotion and development of the various schools of the connection. The meeting will be held at the Ed. Waters College. All of the officials are high in their praise of the brilliant President Dr. Gregg, who has brought the school up to a high state of efficiency, and is making wonderful strides in the upbuilding of that famous institution. Among the commendable features is the cleverly gotten up college periodical, known as the Courier. Space does not permit us to state in detail how much great good has also come to the entire people since the coming of that noble genius in the person of Bishop John Hurst. This excellent Christian scholar has elevated the standard of the A. M. E. church and his presence in the community is a source of much repoicing to all concerned.

The Y. M. C. A. movement, under the able management of Hon. Geo. E. Taylor, General Seretary, is the leading attraction at Jacksonville. Too much can not be said of the noble men and women who are sacrificing their time and means in the support of this much-needed institution. Mrs. Dr. M. C. B. Mason is rallying her forces and has made splendid progress towards establishing the Y. W. C. A. We predict for her a speedy success. Last, but by far not least, we congratulate Scout Master Allen, who by constant and very strenuous efforts, has developed a large body of real Boy Scouts. These youngsters go outsemi-monthly for a hike of several miles and from all indications they like the fun very much.

McDONALD, PA.

Sunday Rev. Geo. Sallie baptized seven converts. Sunday was a high day with its members. Pastor's text, found 28 Matthew 19-20 verses. This subject especially for your converts. Teach all nations. This is a great command. Christ came in possession of this authority and power on condition Christ himself bad to obey. The act of obedience was the way of the cross. Then he gave this commission to his disciples, therefore, go ye into the world and teach all nations, my command. First teach them their responsibility to this present life and also of the future life. Our relation to Christ makes us both morally and spiritually responsible. After they have believed, baptize them. Man's salvation is incomplete until he is baptized. We do not get the holy ghost thoroughly until after we are baptized. Teach them that heaven belongs to God and the keys belong to Him. The way of admittance then is the way of the cross.

Miss Bessie Lynch was called to Dankin, Pa., very suddenly on Sunday. Her cousin being very sick, Mrs. Robt. Tweedy.

Mr. Joseph Powell has been on the sick list for more than a week suffering from tonsilitis. We hope him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Katherine Anderson, of Orchard street, was able after a three weeks' illness of cold, to take her place as altoist of the choir. She has ever been faithful filling the position. We admire her mellow voice as an alto singer. We gladly welcome her back home and bid her godspeed.

Mrs. Chas. Redd is yet on the sick list. We hope to see her out now soon. Her daughter that was on the sick list we are glad to say is out again and taking her place with her associates in the Sunday school as usual.

Mrs. R. E. Tweedy, of North avenue, is able to be out again. We missed her very much. She has ever been so faithful, taking her place in the church rain or shine.

Mrs. E. L. Anderson, of Jumbo, was a caller at Mr. and Mrs. L. Lynch's, on Valley street. After serving a delicious dinner they retired to the parlor and after a few nifty conversations the evening was passed away. It was then church time.

Miss Mazie Lewis was a business caller in the East most of last week.

Mrs. Daniel Spencer was a visitor from Rising.

Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Bridgeville, was a visitor.

Mr. Clarence Aydelotte, the barber, was a visitor to the church Sunday. He is of Pittsburgh, Pa., though he has been running a very successful barber shop the last eight or nine months. We hope that he will be successful in his work and make a high mark in his work.

The stork was a visitor at Mr. and Mrs. A. James, of Barr street, and presented to them a fine baby girl. At this writing mother and the baby were doing fine.

NOTICE.

To All Negro Merchants of the United States, Greeting:

We want to get in communication with all Negro merchants at once. Some have been heard from but the majority have not. Please send in your name, kind of business in which you are engaged, your cut and joining fee. We desire all Texas merchants to act at once so that we may arrange the program for our State meeting at Temple, Texas, July 5 and 6, at which time all delegates will be elected to the national meeting to be held in Boston, Mass., in August. We are daily receiving letters from people all over the country who want positions in the various lines of business, and if we were in touch with our merchants we might be able to place these people. We have several letters from young people coming out of school this year who are seeking employment among their own race. Act at once. Address

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MAYFIELD, KY.

Miss Mattie Boyd entertained a number of her little friends Tuesday evening, February 23d, in honor of her fourteenth birthday. Those present were: Girls—Misses Hortense and Earline Andrews, Ann and Lettie Boyd, Linnie and Grethel Williams, Lillie Mae Utterback, Lucile Collins, Katherine Pryor, Lemora Smith, Mattie Lee Sherrills, Marjorie Humphries, Ora Lee Jackson; Boys, Messrs. Olden Foster, Ray Devauder, Clarence Ridley, Avon Jackson, Adelbert Hale, George Orr, Aubrey Johnson, John Henry Jones, Ellis Wilson, Fred Curd, Leslie Anderson, Oscar Anderson, Clemmie Watson.

The following are on the sick list at this writing: Mr. Jasper Watson, confined to his bed; Mr. Albert Owens, reported better at this writing; Mrs. Vinia Beadles, Miss Deseria Mercer, Mr. Stepna Drain, add confined to bed.

Mrs. Pearl Beasley has returned home after a visit in Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irvine has purchased a new Meister piano from Chicago.

The choir at St. James A. M. E. church has revived and members are as follows: J. W. Watson, president; Jim White, Malcolm Aker, Norman Parrot, Mesdames Wm. Ward, Lester Irvine, Marie White, Minnie Owens, Dona Greens, Cora Sherrell, Misses Mary Williams, Deseria Mercer, Warnett Foster, Christine Terry and Lillian Hale, organist.

Mrs. Gus Williams, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. Leroy Carman, Miss Metta Hardin, Mrs. Jerry Henderson, Mr. Scott Rideway, Mr. Finis Stevens, Mrs. Minnie Biggers, Mrs. Henry Leonard are our new Freeman readers.

Mr. Grant Hester and Miss Emma Marrow were united in the happy bonds of matrimony Tuesday by Rev. Wm. Ward, pastor of the Methodist church.

Young Men's Social Club. which will entertain the young ladies of this city will be published later, as it is a grand affair and the agent wishes to get everything properly.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

(By A. R. Smith.)

The Phoenix Forum held its regular meeting at the C. M. E. church. Rev. W. R. Burgess preached the annual sermon. A large and appreciative audience was present. We are glad to see the Forum progressing so nicely.

Mr. I. F. Silvers and Mrs. Janie McGlother surprised their many friends when they were quietly married at the residence of the bride, 510 South Center street. Even their closest friends did not suspect such a pleasant surprise so soon. While they knew the crucial moment would come in time, hardly any one expected it so soon. Mr. and Mrs. Silvers will be at home to their many friends after February 20th at the palatial residence of the groom on East Jefferson street.

Mr. W. A. Ward, the popular chef at the New Palace Cafeteria, is certainly making the union house sit up and take notice. Mr. Ward is a former resident of Indianapolis, and wishes his many friends to know of his success in the far west.

A royal treat was given your correspondent, wife and daughter, on Wednesday night, when a company of talented musicians swooped down upon us and delighted us with some choice selections. The company consisted of Mesdames Lena Wells, I. F. Silvers and Clara Fields; Messers Morrison, Moore and Thomas. We only regret that we can not have the musicians with us more frequently.

SEKITAN, OHIO.

The meting held at the Bethel Baptist church, Walnut Hill, Sunday, by the members of the B. Y. P. U. mass meeting, was grand. The program was most excellent. A program and "outlook committee" was appointed. Bro. Greenlay, of New Unity, presided. .. Mrs. Phyliss Calga and mother, Mrs. Amanda Robinson, have returned to their home, at Columbia, Tenn., after a visit of several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pillow. .. N. C. Hawkins, Corresponding Secretary and District Organizer of the Baptist Young Peoples Union, attended the meeting at Walnut Hill, Sunday. .. The success of the Freeman in this community depends much on the interest put forth by the citizens. Order your copies in advance.

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What Our Womem are Doing!

By Grace Lucas-Thompson.

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The Sapulpa (Okla.) women have a Nannie Burroughs Club.

Mrs. Iona B. Gibbs is a juvenile officer at Minneapolis, Minn.

"A woman's birthday is a fact; but her age is merely a rumor."

Miss Ella Campbell is Domestic Science teacher at Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. F. L. Etter conducts a successful insurance business at Paris, Tex.

Miss E. M. Lillie is head night nurse at Provident Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Ida Nugent Paey is president of the Children's Aid Society, Inc., at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Mincie Haynes is chief operator of the Central Telephone office at Boley, Okla.

Miss Florence Anderson is supervisor of rural schools in Clark county, Kentucky.

Mrs. W. R. Mapp conducts a grocery at Berkley, Va., carrying a full line of staples.

Miss Ethel Minor is trained nurse at the Blue Plains Industrial School, Blue Plains, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Jones conducts the Afro-American column in the Pittsburg Daily Leader.

Mme. Evalina Osborn is director of the Belleclaire Conservatory of Musical Art in New York City.

Miss Agnes Randolph is executive secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. R. Mayes, Oklahoma City, Okla., is international deputy of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

The Woman's Improvement Club of Lexington, Ky., conducts a day nursery. Miss Annie Jackson is the matron.

Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey has been entered in the Indianapolis Star (white) contest for a trip to the Exposition at San Francisco, Cal.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Ella Cannon, Garfield, D. C., the A. M. E. church of that place was presented with an individual communion set.

In June Mrs. Carrie Tisdale, 65 years old, and Mrs. Diana Green, 70 years old, will receive diplomas from a school of painting at Chicago.

Miss Lula Vere Childers is head of the music department at Howard University. She has one of the best trained, best blended choirs to be found in the country.

Miss Maud J. Roberts, Chicago, has studied vocal harmony, the history and science of music, composition and pedagogy and sings in French and Italian with perfect ease.

Mrs. T. W. Fleming was the only Afro-American representative at the meeting of the Federation of Charity and Philanthropy held in the Chamber of Commerce Hall recently at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. L. C. Clark is chairman of the executive committee of the State Teachers' Association of Oklahoma. Mrs. Clark is an accomplished musician and is supervisor of music in the colored schools at Muskogee.

Mrs. Beulah T. Davis and Miss Rebecca McClure have charge of the vocational classes at Evansville, Ind. From 7:30 to 9:30 three nights a week instruction is given in cooking, sewing and household management.

Through the efforts of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of Missouri nearly $75,000 has been recommended by the State Legislature for the completion and maintenance of a State Industrial Home for wayward girls.

Miss Sara May Talbert is a student at the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Talbert represents the fourth generation of her family who for one hundred years have lived continuously at their Michigan avenue home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Charlotta Spears is proprietor and editor of the California Eagle, published weekly at Los Angeles. Miss Spears started on the paper as advertising agent and having a natural aptitude for newspaper work went from one position to the other until she reached the highest.

The Harriet Tubman Memorial Committee are having some trouble in deciding where to place the monument to her memory. Some are in favor of placing it over her grave and others advocate placing it in a public square in the city of Auburn, as is the monument to Frederick Douglass in the square at Rochester.

The Women's Missionary Society of the first Baptist church of Norfolk, Va., has just celebrated their 24th anniversary. This society is divided into three departments with seven standing committee. Prominent among the good work being carried on is a visit to Alshouse each month, a box for Africa and poor families helped by gifts of foodstuffs and money. This year they presented the church a grand piano at a cost of $800.

Miss May Miller. fifteen years old, won first prize for the best essay and drawing on animal pets. This prize was offered by the Washington Post, the leading morning paper of the Nation's capitol. Miss Irene Miller won first prize offered by The Crisis for the solution of a puzzle on their children's page. These young misses are daughters of Prof. Kelly Miller, Howard University and seem to be following in their talented father's footsteps.

DR. JOHN H. HALE RESTORES SIGHT OF THE BLIND.

Hubbard Hospital Scene of Skillful and Technical Operation.

(By Judge Bustie Davis.)

Special to The Freeman.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Dr. John H. Hale, of this city, styled by hundreds of citizens the leading physician and surgeon in Nashville, performed in Hubbard hospital, of Meharry Medical College, the first thyroidectomy in the history of that institution, Friday, Feb. 12, and the patient is now rapidly convalescing.

The operation was performed for a large anterior cervical enlargement, known in medical lore as an ex-ophthalmic goitre. Few surgeons in the race would attempt such a technical operation, because of the broad knowledge of the anatomy of the neck as well as the unlimited skill which it embraces. But, Dr. Hale, courageous, competent and efficient, and aided by such a capable and experienced assistants as Dr. Josie E. Wells, physician in charge of Hubbard hospital, and Dr. J. W. Russell, an anaesthetist of wide reputation and ability, performed the operation with incredítable swiftness and success, as is attested by the fact that the patient, who was almost blind, is now on the road to recovery, and is expected to be dismissed from the hospital in a few days.

Valuable assistance was given by the almost incomparable head nurse, Miss C. C. Hunt, and Messrs. H. L. Kingslow, W. L. Brown and E. E. Toney of the Senior class.

Dr. Hale is professor of Clinical Medicine at Meharry Medical College and enjoys the respect and confidence of the citizens here.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

(By H. Stone.)

Old fashion candy pulling, given at Mrs. Anna Clay Simpson, Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock p. m., of 2440 Spruce street, was largely attended by both old and young. Everyone enjoyed a splendid evening entertainment. .. Mrs. Ada Goins, of 2740 north 14 1-2 street, left Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock, for Evansville, Ind., where she visited friends and relatives for several days. .. Mr. Roy Snyder was called to the bedside of his sister Thursday evening, in Evansville, Ind., on account of sickness. Mr. Snyder lives at 2902 north 24th street. .. Merril M. E. church is doing a nice work this year, with Rev. Weslay Williams as pastor. He has worked up a great spiritual interest as well as financial interest. The Sunday school meets at 9:30 o'clock. with Mrs. Mary Anderson, superintendent. Its membership has increased greatly. .. The Epworth League that was recently organized at Merrill M. E. church has created a great interest among the members of Merrill Chapel, with old as well as the younger people. Mrs. Henry Stone is President, Mrs. Mary Anderson is Vice-president, Mr. A. Cook is Secretary and Mr. Edward Shaw is Treasur- .. Sick List—Mrs. Mary Anderson, of 3005 North 13 1-2 street, is on the sick list now, but is slightly improving; Mrs. Betsy Anna Rickman, of north 13 1-2 street is also on the sick list, but is slowly improving. .. Death Accordance—Mr. Edward Allen, of 2840 north 15th street, died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, with tuberculosis Age 20 years, 11 months and 7 days. He leaves a brother and cousin, Mr. Geo. Booker and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Peace be unto his ashes. The remains were taken to Vincennes, Ind., for burial. .. Chicken raising is a success. Mr. E. T. Edward, of 2425 7th avenue, has made a specialty of chicken raising. He is dealing only in fancy breed stock. He has a fine lot of White Leghorn and Rhode Island Reds. He has made a record for his race and also for himself in the chicken business. We need more chickens raised.

TALK OF TOLEDO, O.

A grand prize benefit ball was given Thursday night, February 8, by the brothers and friends of D. T. Slauter, who is blind, at Amaranth Hall, local Lodge of Elks No. 129. A recordbreaking crowd was in attendance including an enthusiastic representation from Detroit. There was six grand prizes, the first prize was a valuable gold medal which was awarded to Mr. Lovel Goines in a piano contest which was won by Prof. John Walters of this city. Other contestants were Mr. Bart Howard, of Detroit; Mr. Chas. Smith, of Washington, D. C. A fine English walking cane and a ladies' silk umbrella which was awarded by Mr. Clarence R. Vena to Mr. Thomas Alexander and Mrs. Mabel Morgan respectively, in which the entire audience took part. There were three cash prizes in a ticket selling contest awarded by Mr. Willie Hazzle. First prize, $2.50, won by Mrs. Wm. Gray; other prizes not contended for.

Committee on Arrangements: Mr. Geo. Wilson, Mr. Wm. Gray, John Hicks and Geo. Watkins. Mr. Pollie Palmer, floor manager. Among the many friends of Detroit were Mr. Chas. Johnson and wife, Mr. Onus Williams and wife, Dr. Dave Greene, Mr. Frank Thomas, Mr. Rich Rice.

Note.

I hereby wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude beyond expression to my brothers and friends for their consideration shown me in this grand affair. Yours very truly,
D. T. Slauter.

WICKLIFFE, KY.

(By W. D. White.)

On last Saturday night there was a grand supper and musical entertainment given By Mrs. Pat Nurm at the Baptist church. The music was furnished by Miss Bulah Ackley. Songs were rendered by the Big Three Quartett, viz: M. Wood, J. Richardson and Willie Ross. Cards of invitation was given out by Miss Bulah Ackley announcing her early marriage to Mr. J. Richardson, of Henderson, Ky., which will take place March 7, 1915. .. Mr. Dee Gregory has received a full line of woolens, and is able to make any kind of clothes, even for the most fastidious. He has had 10 years of experience as a tailor. .. Mr. John Nash, the leading colored gentleman of Ballard county, is going to open a mail order business. He has the money and sense and we hope him a success and shall do all we can to lead him to prosperity. .. Miss Arnett Hamilton, Nora Ross and Ola Joyner paid a visit to their many friends at Arlington, Ky., Saturday, and report a grand time. .. Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson are very uneasy over the illness of their father, Mr. Ed Gholson, who is in a very critical condition. .. Mr. Tom Weston is doing a nice business in the plumbing line. He put in seven bath room outfits last week. .. Mrs. W. D. White and Mrs. Mary Harshaw are on the sick list yet. Mrs. White has improved a little, but Mrs. Harshaw is still about the same.

R. L. WILSON TAKES CHARGE OF EASTMAN HOTEL DINING ROOM.

Experienced Head Waiter Puts Large Crew to Work at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 24.—The Eastman Hotel of Hot Springs, opened the 1st of February with a boom and a vast army of waiters imported from Chicago and St. Louis, mingled with home grown stock, but not with white head waiter as expected, but a native son, Mr. R. L. Wilson, who during his many years of service at the Arlington Hotel, stood in a class by himself, and it is a fact no waiter who has ever worked with him can do justice to the sentiments of respect and admiration with which the management regarded him. He is one of the real men, who has never wasted his substance neither mental, moral nor physical in riotous living. The consequence, he has earned the head waitership on his merits. It is a recognized fact that no organized body, whether its object be business or pleasure, is much account without a competent head. As the late President Lincoln justly observed, a square pin in a round hole is not according to the fitness of things, but to speak plainly, a decided nuisance. It is therefore a good thing to have the right man in the right place, and we are all very thankful to know that the management was broad minded enough to know that Mr. Wilson was the right man in the right place. (Not Woodrow Wilson.) However, all the people of Hot Springs agree that the head of the Eastman dining room has never been graced with a more courteous and genial gentleman than he who now presides. Mr. R. L. Wilson. As evidence of his popularity among his crew, I beg to propose a neighborly toast to which I am sure that all his acquaintances will heartily respond: "That he may be the right hand of fortune, the grave of care, the cradle of content and that truth may be the foundation principle of his every virtue."

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Rev. Tucker, pastor of Avery Chappel, is in New Orleans, La. .. Rev. Mannings has been on the sick list, but is much improved. .. Oh! you wedding bells that will soon ring. Everyone is on to you Miss L. C. .. The recital given by Mr. Douglass at Calvary church Theursday evening, was great, with Mme. Patterson at the piano. .. The house party given at Mrs. Williams was a swell affair, entertained by Mrs. J. M., who rendered "Isle D'Amour" and "In the Heart of the City" so sweetly. Everyone is glad to have Mrs. Henderson with us again. Mrs. Smith also sang "Sweetheart" and Mr. Evans sang "Old Mill Stream." Everyone spent a pleasant evening until the hour of 12 p. m.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

Missionery Association Gives Concert.

The Womens' Missionary Association, of which Mrs. Mary J. Campbell is president and Mrs. Emma Long Furcha is secretary, gave a carpet contest, February 20th, at the First Free Will Baptist church, for the benefit of said church. Mrs. May Roberson was the holder of the lucky number.

Founders' Day Celebrated by White's A. M. E. Chapel.

The following program was rendered Feb. 16: Song, "Our Father," congregation; invocation, W. H. Speese, pastor; song, "The Church is Moving On," congregation; paper, "Education," Mrs. Lula Bolen; instrumental selection, Esther Bleston; paper, "Our Schools and Colleges," Mrs. Anna L. Rice; reading, Bernice Caldwell; paper, "Founders' Day and Progress of Negro Education," Miss Bessie Garvin; address, "Life and Works of Douglas," Rev. W. H. Speese; remarks, J. M. Nance.

Master in Chancery's Sales.

On last Saturday at 1:00 o'clock p. m., Chas. L. Rice, M. in C., sold $20,000 worth of real estate. Among which was the George Bell estate of 33 acres, near Ullin, bought for $800, and the McClelland property, near Grand Chain, which consisted of 55 acres, bought by Mr. George Scott, of St. Louis, Mo., for $2,000. Mr. Scott is a railroad porter by profession, whose wife is one of the heirs of this estate, having the cash in hand outbid everybody, thus keeping the property in the hands of the family. Money is king in sales.

Mound City High School Accredited.

Principal John W. Ware received this past week a certificate signed by President E. J. James and registrar C. M. McConn, stating that our high school, having been duly examined and approved, has been admitted by the faculty of the University of Illinois to its list of acredited schools, and that pupils who are graduates of said school may be admitted to the University without examination, while certificate lasts. This certainly speaks well for the quality of service being rendered by the present faculty of our city school, and the liberal equipment in apparatus and other facilities on the part of the Board of Education in bringing our school system up to this recognized standard of efficiency.

Just as we are about to mail our report the news comes to us that Mrs. Malinda Cochran is dead.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

Mrs. Lavera Haim entertained a number of her friends with a reception last week at her residence on Ottawa street.

Attachment No. 2 at Fort Leavenworth celebrated Lincoln's birthday with a delightful smoker.

Alonzo Carter was in the city Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother, Boodie Carter, who died last week.

William Holmes has returned home from Lincoln, Nebr., where he has been spending a few months attending to businss.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Montgomery spent a delightful evening in Kansas City last Thursday.

An excellent program was arranged Friday at the Sumner School, consisting of the pupils under the direction of their professor, B. K. Bruce.

A nice time was enjoyed by all who attended the masquerade ball given at the Masonic Hall by the Glee Club. The prizes were awarded to Miss Isabel Broder and G. T. Ewing.

Mrs. Curtis entertained a nunmber of her friends last Thursday afternoon with a delightful tea.

On last Friday, February 12th, a very grand affair was pulled off at Lincoln school. A Lincoln program was rendered by the children of the 7th and 8th grades. The music was excellent. The unveiling of Lincoln's portrait was a superb number. Joe Barton and Bessie Watson were captains of teams that engaged in a competitive Indian club drill to the music of the victrola. The boys' team won. It was a very creditable drill and Miss Miller deserves much praise. A luncheon was served and ice cream and candy were sold and the whole affair speaks well for Leavenworth and her people. Prof. Wm. E. Guy is the principal of the school.

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The greater the inventions for man's benefit, the greater the danger to man by those very inventions.

The constitution of Indiana does not hold out much hope to the women as voters. It is thought a way will be found to work by it.

According to the latest report on the great battle between the Germans and the Russians, the Germans marched up the hill and then marched down again.

Perhaps they were merely bluffing when they threatened to withhold the usual appropriation for Howard University, Washington, D. C. All's well that ends well.

Germany, thinking that its food supplies was being reduced by the activity of England's ships, concluded to go in the starving business also. England and France in turn have put on the lid tighter—screwed it on.

One of the large department stores in this city will put a sewing machine in the home for five cents, the payment for the first week. Five cents additional must be paid each succeeding week until that very last week when there is a very sharp advance over the payment for the first week.

Indiana has a new law which greatly reduces the chances of those addicted to the opium and similar habits for getting their favorite drugs. Physicians may yet prescribe these drugs as medicinal remedies, the only way to secure them. The legislature made a hit when striking at the terrible habit of drug "tippling."

In Petersburg, Va., the city has erected an incinerator, a garbage consuming concern, next to a prominent public school for colored children. The city authorities seem to have thought that all "dirt" went together. The colored people have protested against the crematory, but without success. In our opinion one of the concerns should go from that vicinity. What's the use of a health week if crematories are to be set up in our mouths?

The long expected, seemingly, is taking place in that theatre of the present war touching on the Mediterranean sea. Dardanelles is being bombarded, and so far with success, by the forces of England and France. The long expected is that Turkey will pass from Europe where it has so long stuck by the "sufferance" of jealous nations. Perhaps that country had no choice, taking a chance at salvation with those who were most favorable to her.

The anti-jitney bus bill failed in the legislature. It is a rather useful little institution. Suppose colored men who own automobiles get into the business, hauling their own people and thus avoid a congestion of the business on our account. So far as we know no franchise is required. We suggest this not in the sense of discrimination, but to avoid it. We think that if our people were patrons in a casual way of the jitneys it would be all right. But when it comes to crowding them and jamming them attention would be drawn to us, and of a kind that does not mean the best for us. Automobiles with popular fare by colored men would hold down this possible condition and thus avoid friction.

Professor Kelly Miller, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., in a recent address, said among other things: "The last graduating class contained 49 members. This constitutes the largest number of Negro men and women to receive the baccalaureate degree in purely academic subjects in one year from a single institution within recorded time, if not within all time." Some record and yet some of our Congressmen talked of chopping off the appropriation for the school's existence. We are a part of this country and as such come in for its consideration. The tendency is to keep us on the outside, merely spectators of what is going on. We are citizens or nothing. And the claim is not extravagant; it is constitutionally guaranteed.

March 27 will be "Tag Day" in Richmond, Va., for the purpose of raising money for a tuberculosis sanitarium for the Negroes of the state. A publication speaking on the point says the death rate among us from this disease is appalling, and yet there is not an institution in the State, except the State Penitentiary and the Asylum for the Insane, to which a Negro suffering from tuberculosis can go for treatment. Dr. Booker T. Washington may well be thanked for the interest noted here and elsewhere. The response to the appeal to observe a health week is indicative of the need of such observance. Health first, is a happy slogan. What will a man not give for the restoration of his health? He would give all the money made at the expense of his health to have it back again. Those who have it in abundance do not properly value it when careless of it. Those who have lost it have lost more than bank accounts. To preserve health is an essential teaching—it means everything—the foundation of happiness.

It is an unusual condition that a part of the citizens must be unusually careful for fear of losing its rights. That is our position exactly. We have lost out in places owing to the conduct of members of our own race. We will not overlook the fact that we are not eagerly expected in most of such places. But we should not push the thing along. Knowing as we do that our every public act is on exhibition we should be very careful that the fault rests somewhere else than with ourselves. One act is taken as a rule against us, and since such is the case we should be vigilant seeing that the one act does not occur. We lost a theatre in this city by the act of one woman. Perhaps she served merely as the excuse. She should not have been that. Let the fault be elsewhere. Let their consciences accuse and not ours. And at the great accounting sometime, somewhere, the balance will be so greatly in our favor that to withstand us would be to upset justice and right in the world. Men blinded to us alone would become blinded to one another, and social and civil anarchy would be the logical successor of right and justice.

Old "Jim Crow" was put out of commission at Washington, D. C. Now if that other one of the twins, segregation were hit in the solar plexus, our citizenship would advance. The capital city is considered a fair index of the Negroes real status. As long as there are ideal communities, where the race is enjoying the fullest opportunity, and all the possible advantages, they will be pointed to with pride and hope. So if the far Southern cities do not measure up to what is expected, there is yet reason to hope for the best since it is somewhere—at Washington or elsewhere. Then, too, the general government looks after affairs in that city—Washington. We do not care to feel repudiated by it. A repudiated citizen is no citizen. A citizen outlawed cannot reasonably be expected to keep the law, and that very thing is expected. Those kind of white people are not right. And when individuals are persistently wrong they invite their own destruction. This tenet, we think, appears in some form in the sermon on the mount. If not, it ought to be there.

The Y. M. C. A. Bible study classes of this city are growing in interest. The attendance is increasing. It has long been said that at the present time that men are turning more and more to the Bible as a book of information and inspiration. The colored people, the men of Indianapolis, are getting away from the feeling that to study the Bible is feminine or that it is the sign of simple minds. When we think of Roosevelt quoting his Armaggedon, and Secretary Bryan who is steeped in it, and Abraham Lincoln who was intellectually and spiritually nourished and sustained by it, and our own Governor Ralston who taught the largest Sunday school in the state, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., with his great business capacity and his millions, and others yet of manhood distinction, we ought to think it masculine enough and something for the stoutest minds. We do not advocate the Bible in the sense of a fetich, or a thing of idolatry in that through studying it the senses become overtoppled or jangled—"sweet bells jangled out of tune." It should according to the reputation have some share of our regard—every man's regard.

GENERAL ROBERT SMALLS DEAD.

General Robert Smalls died last week at his home in Beaufort, S. C. We are not sure that Smalls was a sure enough general as he was familiarly known. We are of the opinion that he just took the name, or that it was thrust on him for his service to the Union side during the Civil war.

Smalls was acquainted with the waters around South Carolina before the war, owing to the fact that he was a pilot. When the war began he was employed by the Confederates on a vessel fitted out as a gunboat. After serving a while in this capacity he began to think of serving the side which was serving him—the Union. He mutinied, an awful crime under other circumstances. It was the custom of the officers to sleep on the shore each night instead of on shipboard. One evening Smalls put it into the heads of the Negro assistants to cut loose from the Confederates and join the Yankees. He had no trouble in making his way because he knew all the signs and signals. Several times he was hailed, but he made good by his replies. As he drew near the Union fleet he ran up a white flag 'hove to" and became a part of the great North.

The story of this deed has been told hundreds of times before colored audiences in the past. In the more recent years it has not been recited as much as it was formerly. It is very doubtful if any of the new generation of Negroes know anything about it. And we do not know but what it was not for the best to slow down on the story. In war times anything is justifiable, we are taught to believe, but it is very difficult to reconcile a piece of business like this to our peace days conscience. When young Andre was caught during the War of the Revolution with the goods on him, they shot him. He was a great traitor, and who has never survived the disgrace. Had he been successful, would he have been honored? We think so, but not by all. Benedict Arnold was given a commission in the army of England for what he tried to do. He was rewarded but most thoroughly detested.

We do not mean to try to bring obloquy on Smalls; he was justified by war's usage; and above all he was justified in striking for himself, for his own freedom. We hold it that a man is justified in going to any length in order to raise himself from human slavery. In our minds it is that which saves Robert Smalls—that he was raising himself out of personal slavery when he stole away with his employer's property.

Congress remembered him for his brilliant deed. He was commended, and on account of his thorough knowledge of navigation around South Carolina he was retained as pilot and given a commission by the Government on the steamer he had turned over to them.

After the war Smalls served several terms in the legislature of South Carolina and served as a Republican in the 44th, 45th, 48th and 49th Congresses; was appointed collector of Port of Beaufort, S. C., by President McKinley, and served in this office until 1913.

DEPTHS MEASURE HEIGTHS.

In the most enlightened age of the world men find themselves resorting to the most brutal means possible to warfare, when the advanced civilization, seemingly, should have brought it with more humanity, even to the point of abolishing war altogether. To have advanced in all respects except the one of war, is one of the things not readily explained. As it is, through it all, we get a most profound lesson, that all heights have their corresponding depths. In this case it is particularly true. It is said the highest Himalaya has its counterpart in some Wahalla of the sea.

Nor need we think of the thought as some brain fantasy. It is a demonstrated proposition that as men improve in mechanical skill, in art, as they advance generally the knowledge and experience will not be neglected when it comes to hostile dealing with the "enemy"—and pity that 'tis true. Behind the vastly improved and various death dealing instruments known to modern warfare is a feeling in kind by those who man them, by the managers of the wars, by the men of the governments managing the wars. All seem to be keyed up in accord as if answering what civilization expects of civilization. The prevailing sense is that if Germany is the most forward nation intellectually, it must be the most ingenious in inventing methods of creating havoc among the enemy. If England is the forward nation then pride demands that it resort to those tactics which causes it to stand out. The same may be said of Russia and France, or whatever nation is engaged in the present war. Thus war becomes more of a thing of national pride than of justification owing to oppression and injustice such as brought about our own great war.

The heights of the nations must be exemplified according to the new law, by the depths of "atrocity." As the mind of men plows higher in the days of peace, it plumbs correspondingly as deep in the days of war. Men must be sensitive and extremely susceptible to do great things. It means that the present age is highly sensitive and more susceptible than any other in the world's history—greater things are being done. The tendency is to be overstrung, a very good thing for times of peace, when the unknown is to be discovered and brought to light. To be overstrung or highly sensitive in times of war is a very bad thing as all know.

In this day of great accomplishment the keener minds of men are not only more sensitive and suscpetible—men are more suspicious; they see very much in every move—why are you mobilizing? The veneer of cilization holds finely until the break out comes then the whole of Tartarus seems to have been let loose on earth. The inventions of construction of those keen witted are now engines of destruction. The advanced intellect employed to bring those inventions about are now engaged in directing them against the foe. National pride is bent on establishing itself according to reputation and the thing is universal.

Of all times in the world's history this is the "poorest" for prosecuting a war. It is the best time if we mean the decimation of the human kind. It is the best time if we mean the wreck of empires, the funeral pyre universal, or the foreshadowing of doomsday. It is the poorest time owing the possibility of harm, and of such a frightful and peculiar nature that redemption and better understanding are shoved back among the coming centuries. If Alsace and Loraine smoked for forty years, how long will Liege, Namur, Maubeuge, Nancy and the thousand other vicinities with their similar scenes smoulder? Vesuvius and Aetna are never quite extinct, the fires yet burn, even if low, like those fires of those early people whose religious duty was to see that the fire on the altar never died. Unless Europe is unusual in the extension and the acceptance of the olive branch it will be just as reasonable to think that the fire of war, will be set, fixed, as to think otherwise. To think that the wisest age of the world should see the world sown with the dragon teeth of permanent discord rather than, with the seed of peace is what is so distressing to those who have counted this age as evidence of the proximity to the perfect day. We can scarcely get away from the fact that the great inventions of men have been at the bottom of intense hatred of men. The little submarine has fairly inflamed the world.

THE JEWS AND THE NEGROES.

The Jews of New York are vigorously opposing a bill recently introduced in the legislature of that state which, if successful, would make reading the Bible compulsory in the public schools. It is thought that the measure will be defeated. The Jews made some telling points against it. They insisted that such a law would be in violation of the spirit of religious tolerance guaranteed by the constitution and by the genius of the country in its making. They also insisted that the practice of reading the Bible—the Testament—would be embarrassing to Jewish children, who would be subjected to ridicule and contempt owing to the history of Jesus Christ.

Whatever may be our views regarding Christianity, the Jews, in this matter, are right. This country is what it is as much through religious tolerance as anything else. Those who did most in giving the country its start were refugees who fled their own country on account of their religion. America in the beginning was the asylum of all religious classes that cared to cast their lot here. Very little friction has resulted owing to religious views. In the main the peculiar religious freedom, the sense of the early religionists was to permit all the utmost freedom in their worship, seeming to have been influenced by their own experiences when attempting to conduct their religious activities according to their conscience in their former homes.

A point is made by an observant race publication that while this consideration is shown the Jews, a very small segment of the religious, numerically speaking, it should not be forgotten that the Negroes are fighting a greater battle, and deserve more consideration, perhaps than those who would feel humiliated as the result of reading the Bible in their presence. We wish the Jews success, of course, but we don't expect to see men falling over one another to placate, to satisfy one class of people and at the same time solidly opposing another class in what is more essential.

Segregation of our race is well nigh general. If it is not easily visible it exists just the same. It is generally visible, there being no attempt to disguise it. In fact there seemes to be a glory in laying it on so that it may be seen, showing in what utter contempt we are held as citizens. Happily, we are mostly a dense, obtuse people. Or is it a deeper philosophy than any other common people have known that makes for the endurance of civil inflictions?

Perhaps, it is both, philosophy and denseness, a happy blend, saving against violence, bomb throwing and its penalty—some Siberia. We think it denseness, but providentially interposed, thus permitting a peaceful revolution to the end in view. That we are the most abused people in modern times, we think, is unquestioned. At times terrific waves of opposition sweep against the Jews in Russia and then they subside. The opposition to Negroes in America is perpetual, every white face setting itself against every Negro face even when the Negro face is white—such is the contempt for Negro blood.

The opposition is not confined to one class of people. Those very Jews who come from neath the Russian knout, and who are so clannish for their enlarged liberty are not much different in their regard for the Negro. This, of course, is due to their commercialism. If our presence interferes with that they can turn about just as prompt as other peoples. In this respect they are right and wrong at once. They cannot change the order of things, and have no right to suffer owing to the order; they are right. They are a part and parcel of those that inflict the injury; they are wrong.

We are not quarreling with the Jews. On the other hand we have conceded that they are right in opposing anything that tends to restrict their freedom even if it is the Bible. We, however, don't like the ready ease with which they join the crowds in America that oppose us, even if it means their commercial safety. Self preservation, say some, is the first law of nature, and it is that to a great extent. But in our complex civilization there is yet a higher law and enunciated at the very beginning when Cain said, "I am not my brother's keeper." That very negative set in motion a positive fact, and which is the bottom principle of the bonds, the fraternal organizations and unions. In fact civilization depends on the spirit of care for others.

FRENCHMEN TO RACE UNDER RIVAL FLAGS

RENE THOMAS LOUIS CHEVROLET

Though both natives of France, Rene Thomas and Louis Chevrolet will have little else in common when they clash in the next 500-mile race on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Thomas, who won the contest last year, is scheduled to drive a French Delage, while Chevrolet will handle a 1000-pound Cornelian, made in the U. S. A. A genuine sensation is expected when they meet, as they both are famed for their daring.

GEN. JOSEPH L. JONES ROBBED.

NEW YORK CITY, Mar. 1.—Gen. Joseph L. Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, while in the city last Saturday on business connected with the African Union Trading Company and the Central Regalia Company, was robbed of a valuable suit-case containing clothing, jewelry, important papers, etc. The property was taken from Gen. Jones' room at the Maceo Hotel, where he was a guest, the thief entering while the Cincinnatian was out making some purchases in the neighborhood. Although an all-night investigation was instituted by the police, no trace of the robber could be found. Gen. Jones says if the thief will return the papers, he may keep the rest of the things and no questions will be asked.

Gen. Jones left for Washington Saturday to confer with representatives of the National Negro Press Association with reference to pushing forward the plans of that organization. He is chairman of the executive committee and R. W. Thompson is the Washington member of the committee.

IN OLD PADUKE.

"Entre Nous" at the Odd Fellows' Hall—"Dollar Day" Goes to State University—Visitors from the East Are Here—On Sunday Our Grocery Man Will Not Sell You Even a Cracker for "Polly."

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 North 7th St.)
Special to The Freeman.

PADUCAH Ky., March 4.—Aside from the patriotic celebrations of February, the next most important featured entertainment of last month was the modern social affair extraordinarily put on by the "Entre Nous" club, February 26, at the Odd Fellows' hall.

Just a day or two previous to this function many society folks, lady spectators particularly, viewed the interior decorations and said: "Boys, your decorations are beautiful, indeed."

While the management of the Entre Nous had planned to give merely an entertainment of pleasure and pastime, they kept the thought that Washington and Douglass, too, first saw light in February, and achieved great accomplishments under the flag of red, white and blue; therefore, those same colors of crepe, artistically hung about the ceiling and walls. Miniature United States flags were cross and made fast to either wall. Near the orchestra circle an emblem of a half moon, with an evening star nearby, was supported by almost invisible cords, which gave them the appearance of real stellar bodies, styed in skydom.

Near 11 o'clock the command to form for the grand march being given, the Jolly Entre Nous and their guests began falling in by twos and fours, as per order. To the march time of McClure and Williams favorite orchestra, Miss Marg. Sills and Mr. Felix Bowles led the march around the hall, making a variety of figures. After this exercise many throats had become dry, and as a relief they punched the punch bowl.

Mr. Louie Thomas led the following dances: Mexican Polka, Castle Hall Time, Castle Polka and other late ones of the famous composers.

Visitors present at the social were Mrs. Lucy Crump of Princeton, Ky., and Mr. Thomas W. Staples of New York City, who is interested in club building in various localities.

Before coming to Old Paduke, Mr. Staples stated to the writer that he traveled through the northern states and Canada; went to Florida, and is for the time being headquartering here. Very recently a night telegram came to Mr. Staples requesting his presence "down east" again. "But as I am headed for Frisco to be there during the Panama International Exposition, I shall not go to New York for a while yet," said Mr. Staples. He made quite an impression at the social the other evening by putting over a number of appropriate toasts and chatting with the feminine guests especially.

Beautiful gowns and full dress were worn by the Entre Nous. Luncheon was delightful.

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The local merchants have a day that they call "Dollar Day." On that day many articles that are worth more are sold for one dollar cash.

Thursday, February 25th, was "Dollar ay," and scores of bargain hunters filled the stores to their very doors.

If Europe has as many men in her armies as there were women shoppers looking for the "Dollar Day" bargains last Thursday, what an army! what an a-r-m-y!

Mr. Thos. W. Staples is a son of the Rev. G. W. Staples, now of Paducah.

Mr. Marion Lunderman, after teaching and cloing his school in the rural district near the city, left last week for a several weeks' stay in Louisville. While there he will attend the State University, taking a teachers' course.

Mr. Lnderman is a graduate of Lincoln high school here, and is trying to prepare himself further, that he may successfully climb a few rungs higher. His co-Lincolnites wish for him no little prosperity.

Mr. Norman McNorton of West Virginia is visiting his brother, Mr. Ballard McNorton, of 716 Washington street.

Paduke's best was out on the 26th.

Mrs. Charles Mitchell, after being unable to leave her room during the past month, is now able to preside over her domestics at 614 Tennessee street.

Mrs. Cornelia Marable, 716 Clark street, while preparing fish Friday, accidentally cut her left hand. A physician dressed the wound. Now her hand is healing, but the word fish is still clear to her memory.

Mrs. Cora Kelley and Mrs. Ethel Drane of Mayfield visited Mrs. Cornelia Marable last week. They left Sunday evening for their homes.

The grand carnival given by Dr. A. L. Logan's club at the Washington Street Baptist church the latter part of February was enjoyable, well attended and profitable. Dr. Logan has the honor of surpassing the majority when it comes to putting on novelty affairs.

Hello Miss Sadie Beadles. 'Nough sed.

Our new commissioners are putting the lid on the Sunday grocery business a little tighter, tighter yet.

Some time ago you could buy a little greasy lard or sweet sugar from 6 to 9 a. m., but now the lid fits so closely that you can't even buy a cracker for Polly.

Last winter, when Prof. Fate Marable, the noted calliopist, was away down in New Orleans, he'd drop "Old Paduke" a few lines every now and then—and then only. For the past few months, or since he and his devoted better half have been in the French city, he has not even sent me a dotted "i." Saving stamps, eh? All right, "Fes."

Owing to the illness of Mr. J. D. Carter, his wife, Mrs. Laura, has arrived from St. Louis to care for him at the Covington home, 402 South Seventh street. Mrs. Carter has been in St. Louis for her health during the past several months. She is looking just fine, and is receiving a number of handshakes from her many friends.

Mr. Robert Edmonds, the trombonist, who was with Allen's Troubadours, recently and honorably saluted his wife, Mrs. Carrie, who came to Old Paduke not long since. Mrs. Edmonds has been wintering in Georgia. See them at Mrs. Stringfellow's, 204 Clark street.

We are glad to know that Mr. Mack Smith, 521 Campbell street, is improving.

Yes, Amos will bring you The Freeman. What's your address? Give your orders to Old Phone 2944.

RACHAEL WALKER.

THE PRIMA DONNA SOPRANO OF CLEVELAND, O.
A Worthy Addition to Tutt Whitney's "Smart Set."

PUEBLO GIVES SWELL BANQUET TO MINISTRY.

Delightful Program Is Also Given to Five Hundred Listeners.

(By J. A. Blagburn.)

Special to The Freeman.

PUEBLO, Colo., March 2.—One of the swellest offerings of the season was that of the banquet given in honor of the city ministry, composed of Rev. J. P. Watson, Rev. M. M. Jefferson, Rev. John Adams, Rev. W. T. Biggers, Rev. E. W. D. Gorman and Rev. Hayes, at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Friday evening, February 26. A program was presented, as follows: Solo, "Shepherds' Morning Song," by Bonnie Bryant; piano solo, Gypsy Hungarian Serenade" by Miss Juanita Bowers; a reading, "Cabin Tale," Dunbar, by Miss Mary Williams; vocal solo, selected, by Mrs. A. E. Vest; violin solo, selected, by Robert Kincaid; piano solo, selected, by Miss Viola Harris; a reading by Miss Celeatha Brandon; vocal solo, by Mrs. Leon Bray. Dr. S. P. Douglass acted as master of ceremonies. About five hundred persons were present and they roundly applauded the various numbers. After the program the following menu was served to the invited ministers: Turkey with dressing, cranberries, potato salad, pickles, hot rolls, ice cream, cake and nuts. Those acting as chairmen of committees were Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. Lulu Anderson, Mrs. Nannie Moragues, Mrs. William Neal and Mrs. A. W. Wilson.

Don't fail to get The Freeman at the Oklahoma barber shop. J. O. Blagburn is general agent for The Freeman.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Will Tucker, 17 22d street, who cut his wife's throat from ear to ear on December 22d, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary last Saturday morning. .. Will Burton a fireman on the N. O. & N. E R. R. was to go on his run Thursday night, and his train was late so he returned to his home about about 2:30 o'clock, and finding Steve Coats in his home he shot him. Steve ran about 150 yards and fell in the road, where he soon died. The body of Steve laid there until 8:00 o'clock Friday morning. Will Burton, after killing Steve, come to the police station and gave himself up to the police. A witness testified that he had warned Steve Coats several times to stay away from his home. Will was released under $250 bond to await actions of the Grand Jury. .. Mrs. Harvey Henderson has been very ill, but is better at the present writing. .. When in the city and want something to eat, call on Ben Pickle Cafe, just across the street from the Union Station, open day and night. .. Don't forget to call at Dr. Howard's Drug Store and buy a Freeman, for it is always pleasure to read it. Why not give your subscription for it?

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Miss Estella Burt, of Kosciusko, Miss., is now making her home with Dr. and Mrs. Robert T. Burt. She is a niece of the Doctor. Miss Burt is a graduate of Rusk University, Holly Springs, Miss. She resigned her position in the schools of Kosciusko to live in Tennessee. .. The following persons were at the infirmary the past week for operations: Mrs. Andrew Whitfield, Peachers Mill, Tenn.; Miss Lou Woodard, Trenton, Ky.; Mr. Ed Thomas, city; Mrs. Lillie Dunlop, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Willard Merriwether, Earlington, Ky.; Mr. Pete Allen, Edgeton, Ky.; Miss Amanda Whitfield, of this place, and Mr. Rufus Marsh, Guthrie, Ky. .. Mr. John Page died Friday, February 19, and was buried Monday, February 22. Funeral services were held at St. Peter's. Rev. Gardner officiated. The floral designs were numerous and costly. He was a member of the local order of Odd Fellows. .. Mr. Dock Miller is ill at his home on Franklin street. .. Aunt Emily Steele died Tuesday, February 16, and was buried the 18th. Funeral services were held at Zion.

W. PATTEN, Agent.

FESTUS, MO.

Mrs. Celie McGee, Mrs. M. Shanon, Hazel Armstrong, and Mr. Alex Bates are on the sick list.

Mr. Larnce McGee and his sister, Mrs. Bessie Barnet, are visiting their mother on account of her sickness.

The A. M. E. church had great success last Monday night.

There will be another entertainment given at the A. M. E. church by Mrs. Susie Sides.

Mr. Bud Blake still takes his visits to DeSoto, Mo., every Saturday.

The Titanic will soon raise.

STREATOR (ILL.), NEWS.

Mrs. Mary Gilson, learning that her brother, John Smith of Louisville, Ky., was dead, left for that city last Saturday. .. Mr. S. S. Daught, of Spring Lake, entertained friends at dinner Sunday. They report a nice time.

EMORY CAIN SCHOOL IS ORDERED CLOSED.

Juvenile Court Takes Steps to Abolish Institution for Colored Children—Wife of Principal Guilty of Neglect.

Judge Lahr, of Juvenile Court, has ordered closed the Emory Cain Industrial School, an institution for colored children, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cain at Twenty-fifth and Rural streets.

As a means of enforcing the order, Sallie H. Cain, wife of the principal of the the institution, was found guilty of contributing to the neglect of the children in the school, fined $500 and sentenced to six months in the Woman's Prison. The sentence was suspended on condition that the children be returned to their homes in various States, that neither Cain nor his wife attempt to conduct another school in this State. Cain's school has figured in Juvenile Court proceedings several times in the last few years.

The evidence showed that the children often did not receive sufficient food and that at one time they had been given money by Cain to go to the railroads for coal. Testimony also was given that when a flock of ducks was believed to be dying, all the ducks were killed and served to the children. Some of the boys told of having given their meals to other boys in exchange for candy or some favor.

Cain has not been in the State since the present proceedings were started. The statement was made in court that tickets for the children to their homes had been provided. The school was a private institution.

RECEIVES GREAT RETURNS FROM ADVERTISEMENT.

Knoxville, Ill., Feb. 17, 1915.
The Freeman, Indianapolis, Mr. Knox
Dear Sir—Have received great returns from our advertisement.
Thanking you for some I am
SID. H. CARTER.

ROUTE.

Richard & Pringle's Famous Minstrels, Direction Holland & Filkins—Morgan, Utah, March 8; Park City, 9; Coalville, 10; Evanston, Wyo., 11; Diamondville, 12; Kemmerer, 13.

Busby's Minstrels—Clarendon, Tex., March 9; Claude, 10.

Brown's Tennessee Minstrels—Eureka, S. Dak., March 8; Roscoe, 9-10; Orient, 11; Rockhouse, 12.

Allen's Minstrels—De Ridder, La., March 8-15.

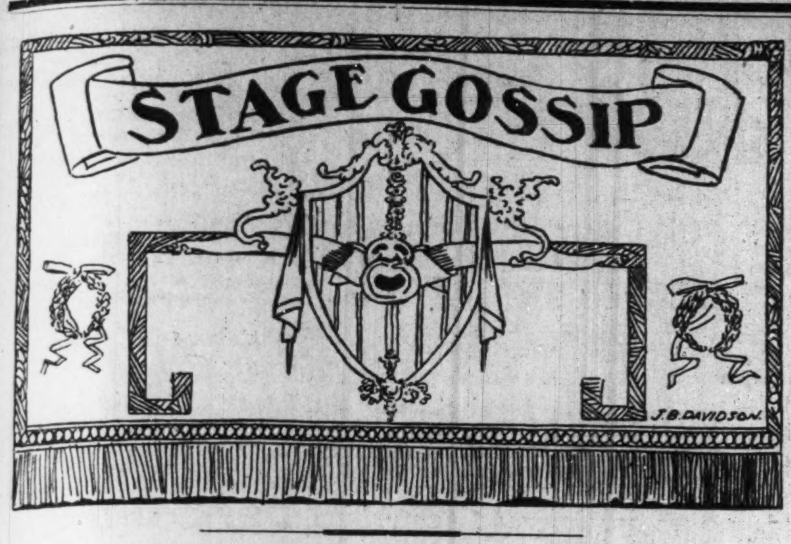
LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Arrant, Chas. J.
Arnett, Chas.
Alexander, Edw.
Butler, Billie
Boyd, Clifton
Brown, Herman
Banks, Chas.
Cox, A. F.
Cooper, Grant
Daniel Sam Mc.
Edmonds, Robert L.
Elliott, E. J.
Edwards, Tom
Easton, John
Earle, Robert
Everly, Ulysses
Fansel, Frank
Freels, Eugene
Green, Chas. H.
Gilliard, Amos
Glazier's Jubilee Singers.
Hughes, Altrus
Hull, Harry
Harris, J. A.
Hopper, Hamp.
Johnson Elwood.
Kenner, Lew
King, H. H.
King, Billy
Lilliard & Lilliard
Lacey, A. M.
Lee Pearl (telegram)
Mikell, Eugene
Mills Billie.
MacWorthin, Dan
Miles, Rae
Moore, Jackie (boxer)
Medley, Percy
Nichols, Frank
McPheters, James
Price, Tom
Pennell & Holden
Peoples, Amos A.
Prosser, Reese
The Pattersons.
Polson, Dillion
Pugh, Wm.
Robinson, Erb
Shackelford, J. A.
Smith, Gus
Southard, Harry
Stevens, Tommy
Stamper, Geo.
Streety, Willie.
Thompson Dana
Thompson, Jack.
Turner Melvin (Kid)
Tonsiel, Billie C.
Taylor, George
Veal, M. L.
Worthington, Harry
Walton, E. L.
Wyer, Jr., Ed
Williams, Fred
White, R. C.
Winbush, Happy
Washington, H. B.
Woods, F. B.
White, W. H.

Ladies' List.

Brown, Bessie
Bromley, Helen
Brown, Mrs. Cleo M.
Crampton, Pauline
Harrison, Maggie
Henderson, Mrs. T.
LaVine, Louise
Leggs, Tressie
Murdock, Hazel
Neilson, Lucile
Preston, Mattie
Payton, Mrs. H.
Taylor, Maggie
Taylor, Mrs. Daisy
Redmond, Della
Singer, Dorothea
Schaffer, Odessa
Slovall, Mrs. Millie
Sanders, Gertrude
Thompson, Lizzie
VanClay, Elizabeth
Wilson, Miss Ruth
Whitman, Alberta
Webster, Alma.
Wells, Emma
Wiggins, Lena



Edwards and Hardee are at the Lincoln theater, Cincinnati, this week. Making good.

Mattie M. Dorsey would like to hear from Billy King and Ed Langford at once. Business of importance.

Arthur and Ruth Prince, the clever jugglers and hoop rollers, are with J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels for a minute.

Howard and Mason were at the Pantages theater, Victoria, B. C., last week. This week, Pantages theater, Tacoma, Wash.

Mule Bradford Stock company is at the Majestic theater, Champaign, Ill., this week, and the S. R. O. sign is the answer.

James White and Walter Watkins are at the Lyric theatre, Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 22, 23, 24; at the Grand, Orleans, N. Y., 25, 26, 27.

Pearl Moppin, musical hoop roller, closes with the Richards and Pringles Minstrels, March 1st, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Permanent address, The Freeman.

Thomas A. Brooks is with Sliding Billy Watson's Company, Empire theater, Hoboken, N. J.; with Casino, Philadelphia, to follow. The show is on its way West.

Berry and Washington are negotiating with some of Pittsburgh's popular agents. Of course, you can't tell what might happen. Address all mail to 1416 Wilson street.

The Crown Garden will open April 5. The manager, Tim E. Owsley, promises his patrons the best in his line, as he always has done. Pictures will be among the attractions.

The Pewees will open with the Alabama Minstrels, at Monroe, La., March 5th. They have a special line of paper. The show will have a twenty piece band, and a air calliope, mounted on an automobile. We play to the coast and back.

Ed Lemon Johnson as Eddie Lemons is at present in Houston. Would like to hear from Marie and Buddie Bostwick and Buckwheat Stringer. All mail will reach me at 514 Milam street, Houston, Texas. Dude Lankford write.

E. W. Blake, after serving one season as bandmaster with the Rabbit Foot Company, can be found at his home, 1217 Pippin street, Jacksonville, Fla. He will be glad to hear from all friends. Regards to the Rabbit Foot Company.

Hamtree Harrington, droll comique, now in second week at Queen theater, Chattanooga, Tenn. Ham is keeping them roaring nightly with his funny doings. Memphis, Tenn., week of March 8 and 15. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

William and Stevens, now playing the Quigley time, last week Central Square theater, Lynn, Mass.; this week, Orpheum theater, Brockton, Mass. Regards to friends in and out of the profession. Frank Miller, write quick; important. No. 20 Buckingham street, Boston, Mass.

Turner and Davis are still in the "Old Dominion," but will be seen West in a short while. Davis says hello to the A. G. Allen bunch and all friends. Turner says he's sorry he could'nt be with the Eighth Regiment on the 22nd, but will try to make the conclave in August.

Ada Lockhart, widow of the late T. W. Lockhart, lies seriously ill at the home of Mrs. Rena Lockhart, 248 Fraser street, Atlanta, Ga., of pneumonia. Any kind of help will reach her there and will be thankfully received. T. W. Lockhart, it will be remembered, died a year ago. Please help his widow.

Martin and Motley have started their foolishness again, playing to the S. R. O. sign nightly. They have 12 people and will have several more girls. The members of the company are: Nip and Tuck, Mable Brown, Horace Heard, Gulfport and Nugent, Gallie De Gaston, Laurie Liggon, Alice Russell, Rosetta Shanks and Martin and Motley.

Montgomery and McClain are making fine headway. Last week they were at the Lyric theater, Indianapolis, one of the best show houses of the city. The act gave thorough satisfaction all through. It was an entertainer in the best sense. The team carries three splendid drops illustrating their work every step of the way. The steamboat scene was applauded. Montgomery got fine consideration for his polka game stunt. Florence (Miss McClain) is coming up nicely. She is one of the handsomest colored women on the stage, if not the very handsomest. She wears splendid clothes, and looks good to everybody.

Richard & Pringle's Minstrels are still in Idaho and having the best success. They had neveral new members join the company last week. They are King Philiph, Ed Toliver, Thomas Toliver, J. E. Elliot and Edward Carr. Pearl Moppin will leave us at Brigham, Utah, for the South, and E. B. Cook leaves at Blackfoot, Idaho, for his home in Iowa. B. E. Edwards, our sweet tenor, has been on the sick list for the past week, and he is leaving the company for his home in St. Louis, Mo., as he is unable to perform his duties with the company. The boys made up a nice purse and presented it to him. We regretted to see little Eddie leave. Sidney Kirkpatrick left the company for three days for the purpose of having his throat treated. He is now back in fine shape.

WHILE THE BAND PLAYED HE TOOK UNTO HIMSELF A WIFE.

Boisey Gray Laid Down His Cornet to Marry Pretty Elza Young for All Time.

Special to The Freeman.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Mar. 3.—Mr. Boisey Gray, cornetist with A. G. Allen's Minstrels, and Miss Elza Young were united in wedlock Friday, February 26, 1915, in Beaumont, Tex.

The boys of the show all vote Mr. Gray a lucky man. The bride is a very sweet girl and very popular with the bunch. We wish them long life and hearty congratulations. They extend best wishes to all friends in and out of the profession, also "The Freeman."

"BABY JIM" BECOMES FATHER OF A NINE-POUND BOY.

And Since Its Birth You Can't Hand "Baby Jim" a Red Apple.

Special to The Freeman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Mar. 2.—Last Saturday the stork paid a visit to the residence of "Baby Jim," 1111 Rodman street, and left a chubby, smiling nine-pound baby boy and since its arrival no one has been able to hand its 750-pound father a red apple. The mother is reported to be doing well and Cress Simmons, "Baby Jim's" brother, says you can't beat the trio for happiness. Uncle Cress says little Jimmy is sure to be a wonder, and to every one it certainly looks to be a fact. The Freeman Publishing Company wishes little Jimmy and parents a happy, prosperous future.

WARNING TO COLORED PERFORMERS!

Any colored performers expecting to come west in search of work at the Frisco or San Diego fairs, I would advise you to come with a gilt-edged contract and not on your own resources, as you are not wanted. There is one colored show on the grounds composed of colored people gathered in the South and they are living on the grounds, and are not allowed to go down town. All of the colored performers at the different beach resorts have been let out and are not wanted by the fair management. If you come West, brother and sister performers, be sure you are right. We have just finished twenty-two weeks successfully, but had contracts for same before leaving Chicago.

(Signed) GEORGE DAY.

NOTICE!

Managers and Performers—I am not a sorehead or a kicker, but I believe the public should know the truth. "Buzzing Around" if my original song and dance. I was first to use it and make it famous. I then taught it to Buzzin' Burton and gave it to Gussie Butler. They are the only ones that I ever gave my consent to use same. We are all aware of the fact that when one originates and does something to please the public, right away the James Boys of the profession began their work of plagiarism. They even go so far as to stand in the wings and watch me do what little I know in my original way, and then steal it. And some don't even wait until I leave the theater, much less get out of town. Buzzin' Burton and Gussie Butler are the only two that I have given my consent to use my original song and dance, "Buzzin' Around." All others are pirates. Regards to Blue Steel, Albert White and Aggie Tangel. Yours for the good of the profession in originality.

ORIGINAL GULFPORT.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

There is a breezy note to every act at the New Standard Theatre this week. The program is headed by Lacky, Grant and Record, presenting a novelty in the modern dances. Those that pleased were the hesitation tango, Southern slow down and jig gerie. Murphy and Walker appeared in a riot of comedy and were given the glad hand by an enthusiastic audience. How to get a laugh in every line was exemplified by Bowman & Burnett, who had a lot of unique and original matter. They have sought to put a slangy sort of humor in some of their lines, but there is not the lightness of touch or the subtlety that would be so much more entertaining. Kenner and Williams had lively chatter and songs to present and the show closed with Burns, Gillam and Robinson Company of 10 people. Jim Burns and Allie Gillam are a whole team in themselves. It is a diverting singing and dancing act, including several pretty girls, who are shapely built. Jim Burns, with his nonsense and with his impromptu songs, was a laughing hit. Allie Gillam is a hard working entertainer, with lots of good material and even Robinson sings into favor, which was a pleasing contribution to the program.

NEW YORK CITY NEWS.

Billy E. Jones, singing the big New York song hit, "Don't Take My Darling Boy Away," got four or five encores at the Columbia Theatre, Brooklyn, last week.

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Wilson & Wilson are at the American Theatre, New York City.

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Dean & Company are at the Shubert Theatre, New York.

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Jones & Johnson are at the Columbia Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Murphy & Kid Thomas made a big hit last week at New York City at the Lafayette Theatre.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

THE EMERGENCY FUND PROPOSITION.

The Critic to Ask for a One Thousand Dollar Gala Day Matinee and Night Performance, to Be Supported by the Rich, Colored and White.

The emergency fund proposition, commented upon last week, which will be known as the "Russell Emergency Fund," was deferred for a fortnight pending a conference with Dan Jackson, husband of Mr. Mott's sister, who is now sole manager and proprietor of the Pekin theater. It was intimated at the Emanuel Jackson undertaking establishment, of which he is proprietor, that Dan was out of town on a hunting expedition for three days, and that I would be able able to have a conference with him upon his return. In an interview with Maurice Salkin of the Salkin enterprises, I could see a willingness on the part of the little watch-guard to have the big bonanza pulled off there, but the States theater stage would probably be too small. The plans I have in view would require a regular theater stage. In order not to deceive the public, the proposition is to raise one thousand dollars, even if the performance is to be given afternoon and evening. The performances are to be given on the subscription plan, to be supported by the richest white and colored people of the community, and the house is to be sold out in advance to subscribers whose names will be taken at the box office and published with the subscription list. The prices of admission will range from one dollar up. The sale of seats, the subscription plan, hour of sale and the gigantic program will all be formally announced at an early period.

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Harrison Stewart Makes a Hit at the Grand—Brown & Hodges, Housley & Nicholas and Fred Rogers Score.

The Grand opened last Monday night with a very strong bill of both colored and white performers, playing to full houses. Harrison Stewart in "The Bootblack Parlor," a musical farce-comedy in one act, made a distinct hit. He wore a coat of many colors. His scene at the cash register was exhilarating, his song was a hit and his qualities as a laugh-producer were positively convincing. Will A. Cooke as the tramp was a very good comedy actor. Others were Ethel Cole, soubret, who made good; Viola Stewart and Jeannette Cooke showed talent; Buelah Bishop, Hester Glascoe, Noble Johnson and Tracy Jordan danced well. Brown & Hodges, cartoonists, drew romantic pictures and eccentric blackface dolls. While their act did not call for vocal criticism, Gussie L. Davis, "Sing Again That Sweet Refrain," sang to the drawing of an aged colored man and Old Jim's Christmas hymn, sang to the "Rock of Ages," cross and a nun, pleased, and Harry Brown's Indian character was perfection. The white acts were Beatrice McKenzie, a prima donna, in "More Ways Than One." The scene was set in a studio, introducing the trio with a sweet-voiced tenor. The act and comedy work was finished and got a reception. George Hughes, who placed himself in non-identity, by having two supernumeraries in the audience; one who sang L. Perrin's "Dinah," all gave ample pleasure, and the Three Weber Girls were very clever acrobats. The last half of last week had Matt Housley and Ralph Nicholas in high-class comedy. They wore purple suits and their cornet and violin pianissimo was extra fine. Fred Rogers, a most expansive comedy dancer, and Stella Wiley, more chic than ever, both gave a good comical sketch. The white acts were Pauline Raff in "Her Decisions," an excellent actress in a fine picture story. Carroll, Keating & Fay in "At Crow's Nest Inn," gave a fine rural comedy impression and their trio singing and solo work was excellent, and Mantell's Marionettes, except the dance of Salome, was a fine novelty of mechanical actors. Managers Horn and Johnston have dispensed with programs and signboard electric lights now display the features.

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Billy Henderson and Fanny Wise Fill the New Monogram.

It was a strong all-colored show that filled the house at every performance last Monday evening, but the bright particular stars were Billy Henderson and Fanny Wise. Henderson, who has now fully distinguished himself as a clever comedian in blackface, will have to give his parodies closer study, but his transatlantic dialogue with Miss Wise was clean cut. Miss Wise, than whom there is none superior, nor any singer with a personality like hers, nor any voice similar or as sweet, was repeatedly encored in the stanza:

"No one to say they'll miss me
If I should go away."

Rosa Brown and Little Pinkey were popular rivals on the bill in fine bits of humorous conversation and finished steps in artistic dancing. Ella Hayes, in a single, had a good collection of songs to fit her peculiar style, especially the frog song, which scored big. Wells & Wells, in a new dialogue to introduce their trapese athletics, were good, and Wells is a good comedy character actor. The orchestra, under Clarence Jones' able direction, including Sinclaire White, Leo English and John Wickliffe, was in excellent trim. Manager Klein can now see that white acts are undesirable in the Monogram Theatre, not on account of their color, but he cannot get white acts up to the standard at the same price, and besides all-colored audiences like the humor of their own race the best, and that only will they support. When the New Monogram first opened, Messrs. Miller and Klein asked me my opinion regarding the future policy of the two houses. I told them to run four strong acts all the week at each house, because colored people will go to see one specially good act two or more times during the week. When they concluded that Russell didn't understand the show business (that's what they all say), they switched the performers from one house to the other, juggled with their prices and played white acts until now, with one house closed they are right back to the Russell opinion policy.

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The Motion Picture Houses.

The Atlas, "The African Diamond Conspiracy," Saturday, and Ger El Hama and Sterling comedy Sunday.

The States Theatre had big business. "Neptune's Daughter" will be seen Saturday, and "The Fairy and tht Waif" Sunday. The Lincoln is running comedy pictures.

The Phoenix had full houses. Saturday will have "The Red Signal," a railroad story and C. O. D., in four parts Sunday.

The Fountain Theatre now has an excellent colored orchestra, 35th street and Grand Boulevard. The Shanghied Baby will be seen Sunday.

The Pekin is drawing better every day owing to the popularity of the management. The house is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jackson and W. H. Smith is manager in charge.

The Washington had a full matinee last Sunday. The Master Key series Saturday and the Girl Detective will be seen Sunday.

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Stage Notes and Stroll News.

Davis & Greer have left for Detroit, where they will appear at the Palace Theatre.

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"The Battle" is a new song, highly spoken of. It is by Jack Roberts Johnson, the bass soloist. He goes out with the Ferdon company.

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Grace Clark Young opened last week at the Richlieu as a soloist. Harry Bernard, tenor, and Prof. J. C. Ross, pianist, completes the cabaret.

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Charles Gilliam has opened a photograph gallery called Atlas Studio, at 4715 State street, second floor front, where he does high grade work. Make a call at "Gill's."

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Clarence Jones, the composer and leader at the New Monogram, has closed a five years' contract with the McKinley Music Company, which begins immediately.

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Copeland & Peyton are at the Majestic, Oshkosh, Wis., this week. They open at the Colonial, Chicago, March 11th, with Burlington and Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., to follow.

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Morton & Wilson are back in town at the Oak Theatre. Georgia Davis Davenport, now a peach blonde, was escorted into the De Luxe for refreshments by the scribe last Monday evening.

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Marcus Loew is proving to be a good example of what the late B. F. Keith instituted, that rare talent, regardless of race or color is what the public wants for amusement. So he booked Johnnie Woods at his handsome Empress Theatre only to see him make a hit in the most prejudiced part of the city. Johnson & Dean also played the house.

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Jerome & Lewis, who played the Franklin last week, it is said, were the first colored performers to play the North American Cafe down town. Jerome Johnson, Jacob Nelson, who is writing a playlet for Jerome & Lewis and Lucius C. Harper, of Fiske University, now a monthly contributor to the State Street Stroll, were recently my guests at the Richlieu, formerly the Pompei, 20 and 22 East 31st street.

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Albert Covington, noted in the Pullman service for nearly twenty years, died in this city last week. He was a bachelor, 67 years of age, born a slave at Covington, Ky. He is survived by his father, who is 90 years of age, and never had a name until he arrived in Prescott, Wis., and adopted the name of the town. Other relatives are, one brother, five sisters and five nephews, including Frank Hubert, formerly Ed Green's assistant at the Pekin Theatre.

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Sid H. Carter, the popular young manager of Jas. M. Ferdon's Medicine Company and members were in the city for a few days. Mr. Carter speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Ferdon and also states that the medicine business now pays better than show business. He also complimented the Freeman and stated that people answered his advertisement from all directions. The company, which is stronger than ever, will open in good old Ohio. We were sorry at the Richlieu when Carter said "Good-bye; we won't be back in Chicago for a year."

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Harry Foster-Dean, the international globe trotter, dropped in the Richlieu one day last week. He states that Mexico is the place for the Negro and handed me a pamphlet published by Orren M. Donaldson which tells of the advantages for the Negro in that country and tells of the freedom from prejudice. By way of comment Theodore Roosevelt is quoted in the Outlook as follows: "The difference between the United States and Brazil is the tendency of Brazil to absorb the Negro. Any Negro or Mulatto who shows himself fit is without question given the place to which his abilities entitles him."

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Charles Lomax, who was the attendent with the Julius Rosenwald party on their Southern trip, has arrived in the city and is most enthusiastic. The train was in charge of Mr. L. A. Stone, commissary of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad. Aside from their visit to Tuskeegee, they visited Madison, a city named after a colored man still residing and influential in that community. Among prominent people with the party were: Jane Adams, Hull House; Judge Geo. A. Carpenter, U. S. district court; Chas. Eisenman, president Jewish Charities, Cleveland, O.; Dr. Ernst Freund, professor of law Chicago University; Jenkin Lloyd Jones, director Abraham Lincoln Center; Mrs. Emanuel Mandel, director Jewish Training School of Chicago; Judge M. W. Pinckney, circuit and juvenile court of Cook county; J. W. Parker, business manager Chicago Y. M. C. A.; Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Rosenwald, Sears Roebuck & Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, philanthropists.

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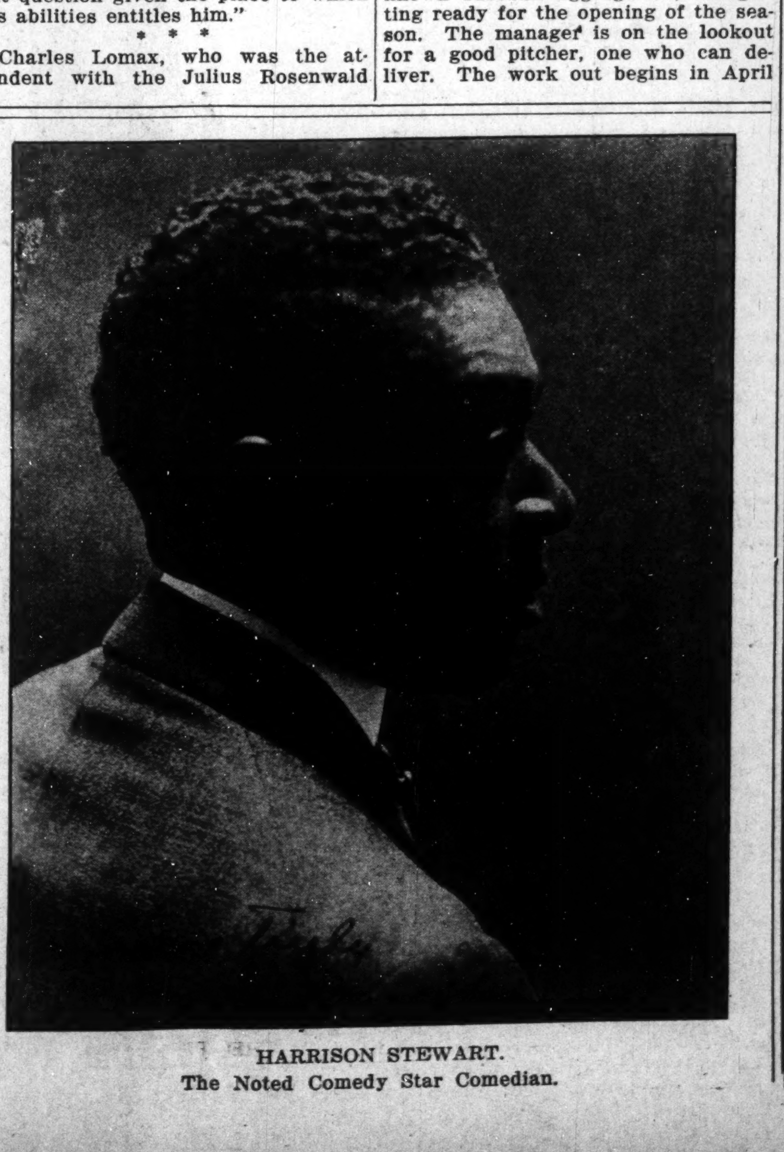
Summery Scenes.

The train shot off with Rosenwald
To visit Tuskegee, they say;
'Twas nice for "Booker" that "Julius" called,
And nicer for the Y. M. C. A.

"To Mexico," says Harry Dean,
The place for all darkies to go,
But when they get stubborn, mad and mean,
They say there's no place like Chicago.

The medicine folks were bidding
Their friends in Chicago good-bye;
They'll get the coin, they need no kidding;
The legitimates need not apply.



HARRISON STEWART.
The Noted Comedy Star Comedian.

PROF. WOLFSCALE CANCELS ENGAGEMENT WITH BARNUM & BAILEY.

After Sixteen Years with Big Circus Will Spend Summer in Chicago.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 3.—Prof. James Wolfscale has cancelled his 1915 engagement with Barnum-Bailey circus and will not consider any other circus engagement the coming season, but will spend the summer at his home in Chicago. This is the first time in sixteen years that Prof. Wolfscale has had the pleasure of spending a summer at home. He sends his best regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

"BABY JIM."
The Proud "Daddy-Pop" of Recent Date.

BILLY SMITH TENDERED A FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Citizens of Columbus Express Regrets on His Leave-Taking.

Special to the Freeman.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—The banquet and farewell reception tendered to Mr. Billy Smith, Feb. 18th at the Crown Garden, was an event of unusual note. Every department of the mammoth building was filled to its capacity to show appreciation to a man who has dwelt in the hearts of the people by his unassuming, upright, straightforward gentlemanly manner and to express regrets of having Mr. Smith out of our city for a short space.

The evening was spent in dancing and there was abundance of refreshments of the mild and milder kind. The people of Columbus wish Mr. Smith a successful and prosperous adventure and will all be glad when he returns.

BROWN'S TENNESSEE RATS.

Brown's Tennessee Rats, a well known baseball aggregation, are getting ready for the opening of the season. The manager is on the lookout for a good pitcher, one who can deliver. The work out begins in April at Holden, Mo. This is the team that won 45 straight games last season. Some team. Address W. A. Brown, Holden, Mo. Girard, Kans., write.

MRS. ATKINS' ANNUAL BALL AT BOSTON WELL ATTENDED.

Irving Jones and Roy Johnson, at the Loew Theater, a Decided Hit.

(By Frank Stanley, Boston Representative of The Freeman.)

Special to The Freeman.

BOSTON, Mass., March 2.—Irving Jones and Roy Johnson were in town last week at Lowe's Orpheum theater. .. Willie Shorts, aged 30, who lived at 38 Northfield street with his mother, died Tuesday, February 23, and was buried Friday, February 26, from the Hutchings undertaking rooms. The funeral was preached by Rev. Johnson. He is mourned by a host of friends. .. To the sweet strains of music, Washington's birthday night was passed off in a very enjoyable manner at Mrs. Atkins' annual reception and ball at Berkley Hall. Kanky Williams and Kid Sheppard entertained. .. Tom McHenry, Major Taylor's former trainer, is at present residing in Boston at 1976 Washington street, and would like to locate his daughter, who is living in Indianapolis at present. Her father would like to hear from her at the above address. .. Miss Carrie Stith is now residing in Boston with her mother at 28 Holyoke street, and sends regards to all her friends in and out of the profession.

FAMOUS FRONTENAC CLUB OF MILWAUKEE GIVES SMOKER.

Special to The Freeman.

The Frontenac Club just recently organized, gave their smoker Feb. 18, in honor of their new members and friends. A large number attended. The club rooms were decorated and there were several splendid addresses made. The music was elegant.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY A WONDER AS A PLAYWRIGHT.

Has Written an Original Western Drama of Merit.

Special to The Freeman.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 26.—Walter Chestnut, 12 years old, a member of the St. Phillips Episcopal Club here, recently wrote an original western drama and with his youthful club members, successfully staged it to the great amazement and joy of a large audience. A prominent part was given each of the twelve members.

Mr. Ira S. Ashe, organizer of the club, said of young Chestnut, yesterday: "I simply stood by and allowed young Chestnut to carry out his own ideas in his own way, the result of which has opened the eyes of all.

Brooks & Bowen are at Keith's, Boston, this week.

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Dodson & Gordon are at the Empress, Des Moines, Iowa, this week.

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By Salem Tutt Whitney With the Smart Set Co.

Salem Tutt Whitney, comedian, heads the "Smart Set" Company of Negro dancers and comedians in the musical comedy, "His Excellency, the President."

Whitney's make-up and type of comedy resembles that of Bert Williams.

As Bud White, he poses as president of Haiti. His royal ease is disturbed by anarchists and a "boom."

The chorus dances with grace and dash. Something new in dances is called "Tutt's Tudalo."—Prospect Press.

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The Smart Set Company, Negroes, with Salem Tutt Whitney, J. Homer Tutt and Blanche Thompson starring, put on an especially good music and girl show at the Prospect Monday night. The singing and dancing of the large chorus was received with much applause by the well-filled house.

"When Your Country Calls to Arms," a song, brought down the house. It was repeated several times. "Come Out, Lou," sung with the jingling accompaniment of anklets worn by the girls, also was well liked.—Cleveland News.

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Hilarious Musical Spree at Prospect This Week.

If you like hilarious, "down on the levee" type of musical sprees you'll enjoy Samuel Tutt Whitney and his Smart Set, appearing at the Prospect this week. The Smart Set visit town every year, and their visit is as welcome one to folks who enjoy music and comedy and flash and sparkle, and stuff with the kick in it such as this colored troupe of entertainers puts over. "His Excellency, the President," is the name of the vehicle this season, which really is not the important part of the program announcement. The Smart Set would be the smart set under any other name—a jolly, good working colored troupe of entertainers who can and do entertain.

The company always carries a group of dancers who can dance as no one else can, and this year is no exception to the rule. There are fancy dancers, eccentric dancers. buck and wing dancers ,and all the rest of 'em. The chorus is good, works well and sings with a zest. The principles are efficient and the support is capable.

Samuel Tutt Whitney is seen as Bud White in the name part and dispenses lots of comedy. Tutt's Tudalo is the big feature dance of the piece and makes a good closing number J. Homer Tutt does good work as Dan Jenkins. Blanche Thompson as Carmencia Gomez makes an attractive senorita. She sings and dances well.

There are some good song hits in the piece and they are handled as they should be.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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"Smart Set" Snappy Play.

It's a snappy success that was scored by the Smart Set at the Prospect yesterday. The triple alliance, Salem Tutt Whitney, J. Homer Tutt and Blanche Thompson, heading the assembly presenting "His Excellency, The President," have good support from the compaiy that sings all kinds of combinations from solos to octettes

There are two acts filled with songs, dances and jokes all because a couple of enterprising chaps were mistaken for the president of Haiti and his secretary and who didn't have time to correct the mistake. Everything happens at Ginger Springs and there couldn't have been much ginger left after the Smart Set left. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Tutt play together as completely as do Montgomery and Stone or Weber and Fields. They have composed most of the music and lyrics that they sing and the dances they dance. The audience yesterday afternoon seemed to like best of all "Come Out, Lou," with tinkling accompaniment from the anklets of bells worn by the girls. "Just a Pickaninny All Dressed Up," sung by the men stars and mixed chorus, and "When Your Country Calls to Arms," which had to be repeated five times. Blanche Thompson sang a Spanish love song that pleased as did the ballad singing by Frank Jackson.—[illegible]der

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The Colored Bartenders' Union of Cleveland, Ohio, gave their annual masquerade ball February 22d, with the Smart Set Company as invited guests. It proved to be the most successful and enjoyable affair they have yet given.

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Mrs. Jackson, 2342 East 9th street, entertained the company at a banquet Thursday evening, February 25. F. S. Beaumont's Society Orchestra, singers and musicians, furnished the music, which was of a high class and wide variety.

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G. W. Turpin, teacher of ball room dancing, invited the entire company to one of his ultra-fashionable hops.

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Billy Brack is still the popular head of the Z Club. The club was hospitably offered as a headquarters for the male members of the company.

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"Dude" Foster gave a delightful supper in honor of Matt Johnson, to which the entire company was invited. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

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O. B. Moss, proprietor of the Central Hotel, 2507 Central avenue, offers pleasant accommodations and splendid service to strangers stopping over in Cleveland. Several members of the company spent a most delightful week in this up-to-date hostelry.

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Discrimination along the color line in Northern theaters is being bitterly denounced by the colored people. In most of the "popular price" houses the colored people are segregated to the balconies and galleries. Managers with whom I have talked say they have been forced to do it in order to protect their business. Except when a colored company plays their houses, 75 to 95 per cent. of their patronage is from white people. They ask wouldn't it be bad business policy to run away their profit to accommodate or please this small percentage of colored patronage. Then these white managers will point out the truth that a certain class of Negroes have brought about these conditions and in most instances it is a painful fact. They are willing to acknowledge that all colored people are not of the lower class, that there are those who rank higher in refinement and intelligence than the majority of their white patrons and these colored people they feel are worthy of their best accommodations, but their audiences will not take time to differentiate between the classes of colored people.

Colored men and women in the several Northern cities with whom I have held conversation, reluctantly admit that certain uncouth, ill-bred, ignorant and obstreperous colored men and women have made possible the excuse for segregation. Colored people are seldom segregated in the high-class theaters of the North. There is a reason. Only the best class of colored are able or willing to pay the high prices for admission to see the first class productions, and these know how to conduct themselves with decorum and propriety. There is no question of social equality in the minds of the high class whites who attend the first-class theaters. They are assured of their positions and many would prefer to sit near or by refined colored people than the common class of whites.

When first I played the Bijou (now the Lyceum)Theater, Pittsburgh, Pa., colored people were admitted freely to any part of the house. The present management claims to have found it imperative to change this open policy towards the colored people to one of segregation, brought about by the misconduct of some incorrigible Negroes. Only when a colored show plays the city are colored people admitted to the first balcony. If the first and second balconies are sold out, then they are permitted to sit on the first floor. John Varley, business agent Local No. 3, informed your correspondent that a damage suit for $1,500 had been entered against the management of the Lyceum by a colored man, who was refused admission on an Associated Press complimentary, which entitled him to a box seat or a seat on the first floor. Mr. Varley claims that the management had no knowledge of the affair that the colored man was refused admission by the traveling manager of the show. In this case the suit against the management of the theater should be withdrawn. Mr. Varley has always been interested in colored shows. For several seasons he presented S. H. Dudley at the Convention Hall. It is a fact that the Lyceum is the only theater in Pittsburgh that will play a colored attraction and this concession has been obtained through the untiring efforts of John Varley. The Lyceum management does not think it fair that they should be made to bear all the blame for unjust discrimination in the theaters of Pittsburgh, when they are not wholly to blame. They wish the colored people of that city to remember that their's is the only house where they may have the opportunity of witnessing a first-class colored production.

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Here before me are two letters, the first from a girl, well known in vaudeville circles. She is a girl of good character and intelligence, an artist of merit who bids fair to follow in the footsteps of the acknowledged queen, the lamented Aida Overton Walker. This brave little girl, who is now having the fight of her life, finds time to write me a word of encouragement. Here follows an except from her letter:

"This is our sixth week in the great metropolis and we have done extremely well considering the constant cry of hard times. Here it is dreadful and I suppose it is so all over the world just now. But even so, if we intend to keep in the game we must fight. I like a good fight. I never obtained anything of value in my life without fighting for it, not roughly but intelligently and persistently. I have always admired you because you are courageous in the face of seeming defeat. You stand up and fight until victory is yours. You are a good shipmate."

What man or woman could not find inspiration and encouragement in the above lines. This little girl and her partner had reached almost the height of popularity. They were in constant demand. Success crowned their every effort and then the blow fell. The partner fell in love, married and retired from the stage. Did this little girl weep for the seemingly wasted years? Did she sit down and bewail her misfortune? No. She is of a race of fighters. She went home for a few weeks' rest, and during that time she framed an act with two other talented girls and she is now piloting them along the weary way to fame and fortune. The new act has made good everywhere. In a New York try-out for the best white time the act made a decided impression and they are promised good bookings. The girls are sure to win out with such a brave little fighter for their leader.

The second letter is from a young man. I am looking at a postal card photo he inclosed. It is a handsome face, conspicuous for its marks of intelligence and good health. About nine years ago this young man, then a school boy, came to my dressing room while we were playing Orange, S. C. He had been practicing hoop rolling and juggling and had reached a commendable degree of proficiency. He was very anxious to go upon the stage and sought my advice as to the best way to attain his desire. I advised him to finish school before giving the stage a serious thought. Also to practice daily and to refrain from liquors and tobacco or any habits that would tend to destroy or undermine his nervous vitality. I met the boy regularly for four seasons. During which time he corresponded with me regularly, always asking my advice upon some momentous question concerning his future. This advice I gave as carefully and intelligently as I could. I then lost track of the boy. At his home they said he had gone with some show. In the last Christmas issue of The Freeman I was delighted to read of where this same boy was on the highway of artistic and financial success, starring a minstrel company under his own management that was meeting with great success throughout the West. Success is within the grasp of all who will make slaves of doubt and fear and kings of courage and will.

S. H. DUDLEY WANTS ALL TO KNOW THAT HE'S STILL IN THE SHOW BUSINESS.

Great Comedian Is Now Operating Theatres—Still in the Running and Hopes to Continue.

Special to The Freeman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Dear Mr. Editor: I wish to correct a mistake that appeared in the issue February 20th, in the article stating that I was going into photoplays. The word that should read now instead of not in the writeup as follows: S. H. Dudley, the popular negro comedian, and the first to organize a negro circuit of theaters, which he is "now" operating successfully, as I am not out of the running as yet even that I can't tell just how soon it may happen. I wish to say that regardless of the present conditions, which is the worst in the history of theatricals, I can say that there are a few houses on my circuit doing more business than they did last year, and I do look for a bright, prosperous spring and a big change in general in show business. Not one house has failed during these critical times, that has a real live manager, that knows the game, so that ought to be a hint to the man that has failed to get in touch with the man that knows. Now I wish to say that Mr. A. J. Thomas and I opened the American theater in this city and closed it for certain reasons best known to ourselves. Another house, the Crown Garden, closed as usual to open early in the spring. This theater usually closes every season for a few weeks for repairs, etc. The Crown Garden will open on the Dudley circuit soon under the same management. Mr. Tim E. Owsley, who is now playing a few dates, but will be on the job in time and I wish to say the S. H. Dudley theatrical enterprises are a success. Cut that word "not" out. Yours, S. H. Dudley.

THE SMART SET COMPANY—SALEM TUTT WHITNEY A STAR.

(By Lew Hall.)

"Salem's a comedian, funny as any,
In a class by himself, far above
many."

During my period in the profession I only thought that there were only three classic comic stars occupying the globe, namely: Bert Williams, S. H. Dudley and Leubrie Hill. But to my surprise, after I witnessed The Smart Set Company, with Salem Tutt Whitney, at the Lyceum Theatre here, I've made a vast mistake. And, to my opinion Salem is in the above rank and helps to form a quartette of "Four Famous Fellows." I was invited by my newly esteemed friend, Mr. Whitney, to call upon him privately immediately after his arrival in the Smoky City, but to my sorrow I received a telegram for a return engagement with the Academy Players for four weeks and had to leave the same night I witnessed the "Smart Set" and could not call upon him.

But I hope by good luck that I will have the pleasure of casting my glad eyes upon him soon.

The "Smart Set" Company opened in Pittsburg Monday evening, February 15th, at the Lyceum Theatre, one of the leading houses in Pittsburg, to a crowded house and everybody went away highly enjoyed, including yours truly.

Ethiopian comedy, singing and clever dancing, which is a good feature of our colored profession, also is an A1 feature of "His Excellency, the President," an organization of Negro players—"best ever." They put the numbers over with a dash and animation that would discredit many a singing corps. Much of the success of the offering is due to the fact that every member works every minute while before the footlights is the sole star of the plot. Salem Tutt Whitney, who is a comedian not a "comed" and is as funny as they make them. I am a droll comedian myself and very seldom do I laugh at various comedians, but I must confess that these four comedians can not help from producing a "real laugh." Again, namely, Bert Williams, S. H. Dudley, Leubrie Hill and the one Salem Tutt Whitney(which the latter I consider is next to "Old Bert." Mr. Whitney's songs in the "Smart Set," "I'm Neutral" and "Good Advice," takes the entire house by storm and they beg for more (which old Salem did not decline the offer.) His comedy work is not of the low type, but of the high class and he produces a laugh from start to finish. Salem Tutt Whtney will make good anywhere at any time, 'believe muh" and it pleases me to think such. So good luck to Salem. Mr. Homer Tutt, the second addition star, is the best straight man we have in the colored profession since the days of George Walker. His talk is good and his songs and dances are better. When it comes to class, Homer has it. His songs, "Just a Pickaninny All Dressed Up" and "Tutt's Tudalo," were extraordinarily good. Too much can not be said of his classic work previous to the final. Among my other favorites in the cast is Blanche Thompson and Hattie Akers, who portray some "real acting." Miss Thompson's song, "Romance Espanola," was a decided hit. She knows exactly how to impersonate a Mexican senorita. Miss Akers, in her female comedy role and her basso feature, was a splendid hit.

Other deserving much credit are Greenbury Holmes as "Monsieur La Fritz," who wanted to throw "ze bomb;" Matt Johnson, who was an aristocratic old man; "Babe" Townsend, who was the original "His Excellency;" Goldie Cisco, who played a cunning little maid; O. D. Carter was a good bell boy; Helen Harper played her part to good advantage, while Ethel Marshall did excellently. If we had a few more good shows like the "Smart Set" our colored profession would be looked upon more liberally by the "Ofays."

But what's the use?

So long, Salem and Tutt. I received your letter,. but I could not reach you.

MR. LUKE GAVIN,

Late Comedian with Marshall's "Happy Days in Dixieland" Company.

(By Ross Hendrix.)

The many friends of Mr. Luke Gavin, late comedian with Marshall's "Happy Days in Dixieland" Company, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred Sunday, January 31st, 1915, at Sayres, Okla., while en route. The day prior he was seemingly in good health and spirits. Upon retiring that night to his berth he made no complaints of feeling ill, but upon the following day he failed to make his usual appearance with the rest of the company, and upon making a search for him, then it was discovered that he had departed this life. Great excitement and shedding of tears was brought about, for he was loved by all connected with the company. Up to this present writing the Coroner has been unable to render a decision as to the cause of his death. Mr. Gavin, who was born in Lancaster, S. C., at the age of four years, showed a talent for dancing. During this period Mr. Leon W. Marshall was playing his home town with his plantation show, and whilst making a ballyho, noticed Luke's dancing to the music played by the band. After the show was over Luke approached Mr. Marshall and told him he would like to travel with his show. To appease his aspirations he went to see Luke's parents and gained their consent to carry him with him. At that time proving himself a phenomenal character, Mr. Marshall became deeply interested in his future, put every known effort into effect to bring him to the front as a comedian. Several years later having grown to be quite a young man, the man took the part of Dinah taken ill, and for a few months Mr. Marshall thought he was up against it for a Dinah, but Luke said "Daddy (as he was familiarly called), "I can play that role for you."

Mr. Marshall looked at him with astonishment, but said "all right, son, go to it." Never before nor since has that character been so ably executed as it has been by our departed Luke. As years grew on, he became anxious to be in the public eye, like unto Bert Williams, Billy Arnte, Ernest Hogan, Billy Kersands, Johnnie Rucker and many others too numerous to mention, and just at the period wherein he was coming into the limelight the grim reaper and his scythe came along and cut down all that was mortal of Luke Gavin. He was loved by men, women and children wherever he went. No one feels his loss any more than Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. They had become so attached to him that they loved him as much so as if he were their own flesh and blood. Their purse always stood open to him for his pleasures and comfort. Salary was always a small item for him as far as Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were concerned. He was at one time considered the champion buck and wing dancer in the Sunny South. His motto was: "Love your neighbor as yourself." May he live long in the memory of the profession. Farewell, Luke.

In memory of our departed friend, Luke Gavin, late comedian with Leon W. Marshall's "Happy Days in Dixieland" Company:

(By Ross Hendrix.)

He who struggled to make his way
To reach the height of fame,
Silently under the sod doth lay
For death him hath claimed.

Poor Luke, no more his voice we'll hear,
No more his smiles e'er see,
No more singing, dancing, nor words of cheer,
No more with us in this life be.

Full of life, with abundance of friends,
Loved by all, both far and near,
This is where the story ends
As upon his grave we shed a tear.

We will miss our Luke, indeed we will,
For his goodness, kindness and pleasing way.
In our hearts none other shall fill
The love held for Luke, from day to day.

In memory a monument will stand
For one who has passed to the far beyond,
No more to clasp his gentle hand
Who constantly tried to cheer us on.

Farewell, thou hath finished the race
And have soared to the land above,
But God, our Maker, in his infinite grace,
Will guide us through life with thy love.

Some day we will you again see
In our everlasting home above,
Then we all will happy be
Shouting and singing praises of love.

May your soul forever rest in peace
On that beautiful golden shore.
And when our troubles in this life cease
Be with you forever more.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE DUDLEY TIME—WEEK OF MARCH 1.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theater, Lew W. Henry, manager: Simmons & Wilson, Henry Jones, Isola Ringgold. Howard Theatre, Andrew J. Thomas, manager: Bowman & Burnett, Ethlyn & Luke, J. L. Reh, Bailey & Austin. The Jewel Theatre, 48½ street, S. W., opens March 15th with the Dudley Acts. J. Barns, manager.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theatre, John T. Gibson, manager: Braxton & Nugent, Madame Payne, and other acts.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Star Theatre, Abe Minsky, manager: Criswell & Bailey, Edwards and Hardee.

Richmond, Va.—Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, manager: The Vervalin Trio, Wilkinson & Phillips.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre, R. L. Andrews, manager: Martin & Motley Comedy Company.

Baltimore, Md.—Lincoln Theatre, —— Faulk, manager: Washburn & Piper, Owens & Neely.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre, Will Lewis, manager: Stock Company.

Danville, Va.—Columbia Theatre, W. Williams, manager: The New York Follies, John H. Smith, manager.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Crown Garden, Tim E. Owsley, manager: Opens April 4th, with the Dudley Acts.

DEFENDS MANAGER OF GEM STOCK COMPANY.

Against An Attack Made by One, Billy Smith.

Columbus, O., Feb. 26.

Special to The Freeman.

To the General Public:

While looking over the professional column of your valuable paper of February 20th, expecting to gain some useful information as we all do, especially from the pen of such thinking men as Sylvester Russell, S. T. Whitney, S. H. Dudley and other promoters, my attention was called to an article by Mgr. Willis Elwood Burden. I was surprised to see him bitterly assailed Mr. Billy Smith, former manager of the Crown Garden Theatre, of Columbus, O., a man whose past reputation defies the approach of such unjustified slander. I made a serious investigation to find the cause, but found no just reason. I find Mr. Smith an honest, upright worthy man to any community, a man who owes no one a cent and is well liked and respected by all who know him, both white and colored. I also made investigations about the Gem Stock Co., under the management of Mr. Burden and found from public opinion and the patrons of the Crown Garden Theatre the general satisfaction the company gave was very poor basis to tell others to beware of Mr. Smith. It is a known fact the house closed at the expiration of the engagement of the Gem Stock Co., as Mr. Samuel Clark, the owner of the theatre, will verify this statement. I will say in conclusion, such attacks as Mr. Burden attempted can only be compared to men of narrow, shallow, mental calibre and must be considered beneath the dignity of any loyal professional man or woman.

A FREEMAN READER.

THE "SMART SET" TO BE A GREATER SHOW.

Sensational Musical Numbers and Novelties to Be Introduced and Title of New Play to be "George Washington Bullion Abroad," for Next Season.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Next season's show will be along different lines, far different from any attempted by this show in past years. The success attained by it this season has given the management more confidence in this class of entertainment, and they will equip the shows with band and orchestra, the best that can be secured. Some sensational musical numbers and novelties will be introduced and a couple big dancing features will predominate. The title of the new piece will be "George Washington B. Abroad." The good old mechanics, Salem Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt are writing the lyrics and the musical portion is being safely looked after by Mr. Trevor L. Corwell. The route of the show for next year will cover a large territory and the members of the company will be given a chance to take in the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Arrangements are being made to carry 45 people with the shows.

BILLY TERRY A BIG HIT IN EAST VIRGINIA.

MARION, Va., Feb. 26.—Billy Terry the well known blackface comedian, has been playing some white time around South East Virginia, doing fine. His parody on "All Night Long" and "That's How I Need You" are great and he is cleaning up with them. He sends regards to all and asks Billy Walker to write.

A. Benjamin is doing nicely with his stock company at Clay St. theatre, Annapolis, Md.

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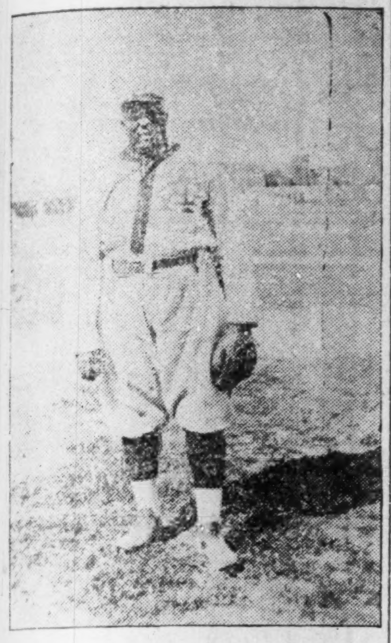
THE AMERICAN GIANTS!

The Great Rube Foster and his Great Team—Leader of the Great Base Ball Tossers.

(By Billy Lewis.)

Old Sol, the sun, is advancing North again, bringing in its trail gladness and cheer due to increased sunshine and warmth. Hot beds of the agriculture men and the re-organization of base ball clubs by the various managers are the principal activities right along through here. Baseball is like an annual—a yearly plant—it dies quite down to the ground as the winter comes on, but in the springtime at the first "permanent" warm breath of the wind it—baseball, springs up everywhere. It is now March, meaning that spring is on, at least, in name. And in a few more days pleasanter weather will be cinched for six months, more or less. Baseball activity is everywhere—where the flag is there is America's national game, the foremost game of the world, which bids fair to be the leading game.

—Photo by Langston, Chicago



RUBE FOSTER.

Moses of colored baseball. Leader of American Giants of Chicago. Record-breaking champions of the world, winning 126, losing 16 games, 1914, traveling over 16,000 miles now leading his American Giants on a 10,000-mile spring trip the longest taken by any ball club in the world.

—Photo by Langston, Chicago

PETE HILL.

Recognized as the best hitter in the game, hitting 469 against Bender, Plank and Coombs, of Philadelphia Americans; 580 against Mullin, Dauss, and Lake, of Detroit Americans; 490 against Brown, Joss and Rucker, of an all-star club, picked from the stars of National League, the only American to win the championship medal in Cuban National League.

The great leagues of white players are wrestling with their problems, some of them being complex enough for the most master minds. The managers are hurrying men South to meet the bluebirds just as we read of the Kaiser's army hurrying to the West to give battle to the enemy. The men going south will have the advantage of the warm weather in which they will make ready for the various battles in which they will engage.

The leading clubs of colored players are showing all the signs of activity noted in the other teams. Some are South, others are re-organizing in their vicinities, doing whatever s possible to get in the best possible condition. The early activity of the colored fan is as hard to please as the white fan. Both know baseball, and consequently will not tolerate anything but the genuine article. In fact, the game among colored players is coming up due to such men as C. I. Taylor, Rube Foster and others.

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Rube Foster, the well known baseball player of Chicago, has almost become another name for baseball. To hear his name mentioned is to think of the great game and at its very best. Rube, as he is known to all base ball fans, is undoubtedly the greatest player and manager that has yet been produced in base ball among the colored people and has done more to elevate the game among them than any one person. His efforts have been untiring, and his wonderful success has not come over night, but through years of hard and patient work; he is modest and seldom speaks of his success, although he has had more said about him by the best baseball writers than any other colored player. He is proud of his ball clubs whose records under the circumstances have never been equaled nor are they apt to be surpassed. His players look to him as a child would to its parents. His clubs are among the best uniformed in the country. They travel in private sleepers every place, they go. and conduct themselves in a nice orderly way. The Freeman desires to acquaint its thousands of readers of the doings of this great ball club, the standard of colored base ball, and also the man that has brought more prominence to the race, as it concerns the game all over the country than any man yet before the public.

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—Photo by Langston, Chicago

W. FRANCIS.

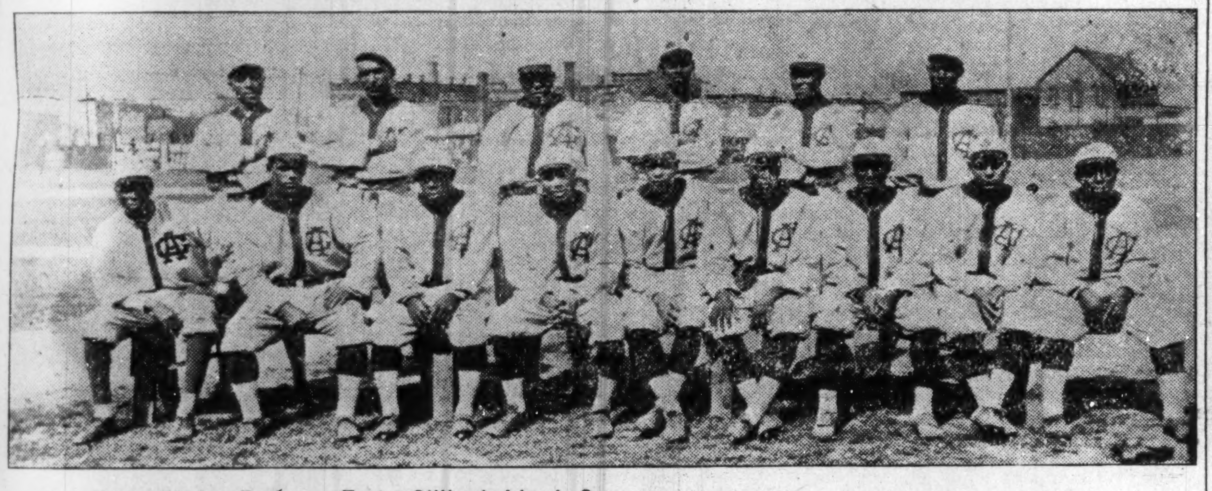
Francis is considered the peer of all third basemen, having played on all the leading clubs in the country and against numerous big league clubs, and is a tower of strength to the Giants and very popular with the fans.

—Photo by Langston, Chicago

DUNCAN.

Duncan is one of the most reliable outfielders playing ball, always a great bitter and the most successful lead of batters the American Giants have had.

AMERICAN GIANTS BASE BALL CLUB, OF CHICAGO.



Top Row—Wade, Barber, Foster, Gilliard, Lloyd, Gaus.

Bottom Row—Johnson, Hill, Fran-cis, Monroe, Jenkins, Lindsey, Watts, Booker, Duncan.

Record-breaking champions of the world, who traveled more in 1914 than all the colored clubs combined. Met all comers, and won the series from all clubs played, making the longest jump of any ball club in the world—from Palm Beach, Florida, on the shores of the Atlantic ocean, to Santa Maria, California, on the banks of the Pacific, a distance of 3.943 miles.

—Photo by Langston, Chicago

From 1907 to 1911 Rube Foster managed the Leland Giants and made them the most-talked-of colored club during that time. In 1907 they put Chicago on the baseball map by winning a series of games from an all-star club, composed of such men as J. J. Callahan, Mike Donlin, Jake Stahl, Jack Wiemer, Jimmy Ryan and McNichols. It proved the biggest event yet to happen up to this time at Chicago. None of the fans gave the club a chance to win and their decisive victory over the All-Stars made them the idols of the game. That year they won 90 games, lost 24. In 1908 they made the first trip South of any Northern club. playing through Tennessee, Alabama and Texas, winning all games played, also winning the Park Owners' Championship and title of Colored champions. winning 86 games and losing 20. In 1909 they won City League Championship and again took a spring trip South. losing one game, and successfully defending their title against all comers. The best colored club was organized in 1910. This was the last of the famous Leland Giants, who made the wonderful record of winning 109 games, losing three in the United States and six in Cuba. It was the first western club to invade New York and they defeated all the tri-State league clubs. and all the strong clubs in New York, winning 21 straight games. In 1911 Rube Foster organized the now world famous American Giants, who at once became famous, winning the championship from the Chicago Giants, and defeating all the leading clubs that invaded Chicago, winning 23 out of 24 games on their spring training trip, closing the year with 78 victories and 27 defeats. The Giants practiced at Palm Beach and won the hotel championship. playing their way through the South .adding many victories to their long list. In 1913 they established a record in winning the Winter League Championship of the California League, composed of some of the stars of the big league, also defeating Portland decisively, champions of the Pacific Coast League, Seattle Champions Northwestern League ,all games played, Walla-Walla champions of Tri-State League. They were away from home six months and 23 days, the longest stay of any ball club in the world. It was this year that Rube Foster met his Waterloo, and lost the first championship of his baseball career, to the Strong Lincoln Giants of New York, who dealt a crushing blow to the fans of Chicago by the defeat. They closed the season, winning 90 games, losing 29 games. Again in 1914, with one of the greatest modern base ball clubs to yet represent Chicago, and they cleaned up, making the longest jump recorded in base ball, taking seven days in which to complete it. They won the series from Cuban Stars, New York All Stars, Royal Giants, A. B. C.'s, Mohawks, Plutos, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland, Victoria, all of Northwestern League, also all the leading white semi-pro clubs around Chicago. Rube's aggregation will leave Chicago March 1st, training at New Orleans and playing there against Giovanni's Specials, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Polambo's New Orleans Club, 13. 14, 15; leaving t here the night of the 15th, playing Tucson, Arizona, 18th; Los Angeles, Cal., 19, 20; Fresno, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, against Portland Champions Pacific League, 29, 30; San Francisco; Eugene, Oreg., 31st; against University of Oregon, April 1; Portland Seattle, 2, 3, 4, Victoria, B. C., 5, 6, Vancouver, 6, 7, Seattle, 9, 10, 11, Tacoma, 12, 13, Aberdeen 14, 15, Walla-Walla 16, Spokane, 17, 18, Helena, Mont., 19, Butte, 20, Sand Point, Idaho, 21, Grand Forks, North Dakota, 22d, Bismarck, South Dakota 23d, arriving in Chicago the morning of April 25th, when they open with Milwaukee, White Sox, champions of Lake Shore, completing a 10,000-mile spring trip, the longest to be taken by any club in the world. Several new faces will be on the Giants, replacing Lloyd, Gans, Booker and Wade, who will again play with the Lincolns of New York and the fans are waiting to see the big struggle sure to take place when these two clubs meet for the championship.

—Photo by Langston, Chicago

BRUCE PETWAY.

This American Giant star is today the greatest catcher in the world, and his ability has been tested by the fastest men in the big leagues, having turned back such men as Cobb, of Detroit, and Eddie Collins, the best base runners in the game today and the man that Connie Mack said were he of different color could write his own figures to play, for Petway was sick the past season, but will be seen on regular duty this season.

—Photo by Langston, Chicago

WICKWARE.

Colored Walter Johnson, who defeated Walter Johnson, of Washington American League, 1 to 0, who shut out A. B. C.'s and Cuban Stars without a hit. His terriffic speed is feared by all batters, an American Giant star.

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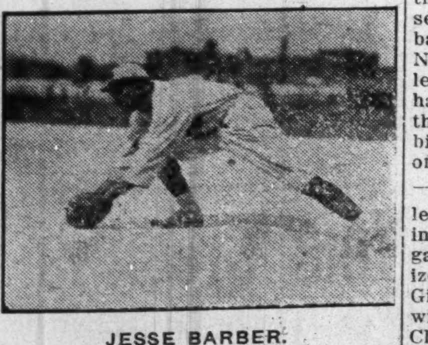

JESSE BARBER.

The greatest all-around player in the game, a great hitter, wonderful base runner and one of the fastest men in baseball.

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JENKINS.

Jenkins' work was the sensation of the American Giants' work the past season. His great work, defeating Cuban Stars, A. B. C.'s, New York Stars, New York Royal Giants and all the leading clubs who played the Giants, have in one season made the fans ask that he be allowed to pitch and he bids fair to be one of the real stars of base ball.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Patty McEure, the little 118-pound boxer of Atlanta, Ga., would like to hear from some of the boys his weight. Address 130 Decatur St., Atlanta, Ga.

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Central A. C. is trying to arrange a ten-round bout between Billie Hooper and Hock Bent for March 11. The boxing game will be in bloom in Atlanta for colored boys this spring.

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Jose Morton, an old Indianapolis boy, is now in Honolulu training hard for the 25-mile bike race to be in the mid-Pacific carnival for the championship of Hawaii, but in a few months he will be with his comrades.

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The manager of Leo Johnson, who recently beat Darkey Griffin at New Orleans, thinks that he is the best lightweight in the world. He says that if the white men would meet him there would be a colored lightweight champion as well as a heavyweight.

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New York, March 1.—The pugilistic spotlight having temporarily deserted Jess Willard and Jack Johnson, is turning New Yorkward today. Willie Ritchie, American lightweight champion, was due to start training for his coming joust with Freddie Welsh at Madison Square Garden on March 11.

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Chicago.—Carrying with them $3,014.40 per centage from the Milwaukee scrap, Freddie Welsh and Manager Pollock left Chicago February 27 for New York. Freddie's face was free of bruises. He said he intends returning to his tango relaxation for a few days before going into training for his fight with Willie Ritchie, March 12, in New York.

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The longest bare knuckle fight on record lasted six hours and fifteen minutes, but it occurred in 1855, long before present rules were adopted, and the number of rounds has been forgotten. The longest glove fight on record was between A. Bowen and J. Burke. They fought 110 rounds to a draw in 7 hours and 19 minutes at New Orleans, April 6, 1893.

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Lew Williams challenges any colored welterweight, 142 pounds, in the South to meet him for the championship.

He challenges Young Joe Gans, Battling Jack Rusless and Kid Snead. He would like very much to meet Leo Johnson in New Orleans for 20 rounds, as he has whipped everything down this way.

Address all challenges ta Lew Williams, 419 Purse St., Savannah, Ga.

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New York.—"Jack" Johnson and Jess Willard will never meet in Havana," declared Captain Cushman A. Rice, head of the National Sporting Club of that city, and one of the wealthiest ranch owners on the island, who was in New York on a visit today.

"We want boxing there, but no bouts between whites and blacks," he added. "That was tried there several years ago and we nearly had a race riot. Johnson says he has signed no kind of an agreement or posted any forfeit for a bout with Willard in Havana."

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Havana, February.—Jack Johnson is going ahead with plans to battle Jess Willard, but his preparations call for the bout to be staged here instead of Juarez, Mexico, where it was originally scheduled for March 6. Today the black champion was scheduled to meet local promoters to draw up final plans for staging the battle here the last week in March or early in April. Johnson expressed the belief that Willard will be willing to come here to meet him. Jack Curley, promoter of the Juarez bout, cabled Johnson yesterday he was on his way here to see him.

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In1860, when the British champion, Tom Sayers, fought the American, John C .Heenan, fighting with bare knuckles, which had hitherto been the custom, was suppressed, and laws were passed compelling boxers to use gloves. The law was evaded by the use of thin gloves, and bare knuckle fights continued till much later. The last bare knuckle fight in the United States was July 8, 1889, when John L. Sullivan defeated Jake Kilrain at Richburg, Miss., in seventy-five rounds. It is probably safe to say that gloves came into general use about forty years ago.

THE ARKANSAS HAS A CHAMPION IN SAILOR BURTON.

Sailor Burton, the Battleboat Arkansas' crack 118-pounder, wants to be "in" on the OUR NAVY bantam weight belt as soon as that trophy is hung up. Burt says if any of these banties want to dispute his right to that title they had better shout now because he's going right down the line and beat all comers. In reply to Willie Brown's claims on pugilistic recognition, Burton writes that he'll punch holes in Brown and then sew buttons all over him to match the holes. Burton states that he boxed Brownie a couple of exhibitions and in the only real bout the two boys had Burton kicked the everlasting tar out of Brown. You know, fellows, this lad Burton looks mighty good and has a legitimate claim on bantamweight honors. Out of thirty bouts in the navy and out, Burton has lost but one decision. Burt would also like to meet "this guy Orchard." From what we know of Orchard we think Heinie would not hesitate a minute in meeting "this guy Burton." Sailor Mott also chimes in that Willie Brown better not shoot off about beating him either. While all the bantams in the Atlantic fleet are bawling each other out and getting ready to fight, why not match up Max Medina of the Iris and Jimmie Leach of Goat Island, to see who is the best boy on the West Coast to swap punches with the big fleet champ for 1915? This boy Medina on the Iris is a wonder for speed and cleverness. They call him "Mex" because he fights "2 for 1" at the regular Mexican rate of exchange. Serves out two wallops for every one coming his way!—From "Our Navy."

GRIFFIN, GIVING AWAY 13 POUNDS, STICKS 19 WITH JOHNSON—NEW ORLEANS, LA.

(By Ringside.)

It's not very often that a losing boxer gains such strong support from the fans as did "Darky" Griffiin, New York Negro pugilist, Wednesday night at the Northside A. C. Weighing only 119 pounds in full fighting regalia, Griffin boxed Leo Johnson, a legitimate lightweight, and gave the 132-pounds spade a tough tussle. Weight, however, told on the light Eastern black, and after he had worn himself down pushing Johnson out of clinches, he was knocked down twice in the nineteenth round. He was legweary and Referee Tommy Devlin stopped the mill.

It was the first show at the Northside A. C. under the management of Gene Lutz and was successful in every particular but that of finance and the show was conducted without a hitch and all the mills pleased the fans. Three of the contests were so close they resulted in draw decisions.

The semi-final which brought together Kid Tico and Kid Green, was a rip-snorting mill, with action from gong to gong. These boys battled hard, with first one having the advantage and then the other. Both had large followings and were liberally applauded for their efforts. Devlin was unable to decide a winner.

When Griffin entered the ring it was predicted that he would be lucky to last five rounds with the heavy-hitting Johnson. He looked a "mere baby" against his opponent but he soon proved he possessed class. He kept his long left working and his clever ducking and side-stepping soon had Johnson missing many intended hay-makers.

The opening event was a four-round draw between Kid Polo and Ed. Lewis. Peter Jackson and John Terry battled six rounds to a draw decision. Eddie Ualmer refereed both contests.

The arena was crowded, but it is said many black "patrons" got in via other routes than the front door.

THE A. B. C.'S GETTING READY TO PLAY BALL.

C. I. Taylor, manager of the A. B. C. baseball club of Indianapolis, announces his spring training schedule as follows:

At Birmingham, Ala., March 22-23.

At M. I. College, Holly Springs, Miss., March 26-27.

At Memphis, Tenn., March 28-29.

At Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., March 30th and at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., March 31st.

He says: "We will arrive in Indianapolis on the afternoon of April 1st and will open an engagement with the Indianapolis Federals at the Federal League Park, Saturday, April 3. We play them April 3, 4, 10, 11."

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LOCAL.

The Woman's Club has planned to give an entertainment for children next week.

Miss Joanna V. Jackson and Frederick Morton were married last Saturday afternoon.

The Be Quick club will meet Monday evening at 1222 North Senate avenue, with Mrs. Lizzie Hum.

Mrs. Hazel Hendricks entertained the Thursday Art Club at her home in North West street this week.

Mrs. Nellie and Mrs. Allie Gilliam visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, at Carthage, Ind., last week.

Revival services will begin at Jones Tabernacle church today. The Rev. W. J. Walls, of Louisville, Ky., will conduct the services.

Robert Skelton, a student at Indiana University, was the guest of his sisters, the Misses Ora and Marie Skelton, at their home on Senate avenue last week.

The "Pirida" to be given at the K. of P. Hall from 3 to 6 o'clock this afternoon is under the auspices of the Woman's Council and promises to be attended by a large crowd.

In the way of a novelty a solo contest was conducted at Jones Tabernacle church last Thursday night under the auspices of the Ladies Social Club. The ministers of the city were the participants.

The next meeting of the Old Settlers' Social Club will be at the residence of Mrs. Melvina Smith, 1660 Yandes street, Tuesday evening, March 9, at 8 o'clock. All members are invited to be present. Mrs. Samuel McClure, president.

The Topaz Cluster Club met at the residence of Mrs. Mary Smith, on Fayette street, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Gee; vice-president, Mrs. Remus Moore; secretary, Mrs. Katherine Armstead; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Baker.

AT LAST THEY WERE FINED FOR GAMBLING.

Charles Ragland, Max Stevenson and Harry Willett were fined $5 and costs in Police Court Wednesday on the charge of gambling. The three were arrested in the rear of 433 Indiana avenue on February 20.

SIMPSON M. E. CHURCH.

Eleventh and Missouri Streets.

Sunday services: 11 a. m., preaching by Dr. C. N. Grandison, ex-president of Bennett College; Sunday School at 12:40; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; 7:30, installation of officers of the Brotherhood by the pastor, Rev. P. T. Gorham; 7:45, sermon to Brotherhood by Dr. Grandison.

A cordial invitation to the public is extended to hear one of the greatest preachers and lecturers that the race has produced.

P. T. GORHAM, Pastor.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Sunday, March 7, will be a great day at the Tabernacle, corner North and Blackford streets. At 11 a. m. the pastor will speak and give the Holy Communion to the members and visiting friends. At 3 p. m. Master Charles Watkins, the boy preacher, will speak for the Buds of Promise, and at night the pastor will speak again.

On Monday night the revival will begin and will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Walls, of Louisville, Ky., assisted by Mrs. John H. Smiley, also of Louisville, the noted gospel singer.

The public generally is invited to attend. There will be an additional 25 cents asked from each member and friend Sunday. Thanks.

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AN OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Arcenia Brown, perhaps the oldest colored resident in the city of Indianapolis, died last Friday afternoon at the home of her son, the Hon. Charles W. Brown, 830 North West street. She was born in Hartford county, North Carolina, in 1824, of free parents. She came north with her parents by ox-cart in 1830. Frank Fowler Brown, the well-known lyric tenor, is a grandson.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCHES.

The vice-president of the State Association of Indiana gave a little talk, which was very attractive and held the attention of all at Madam Meadows' church on Fulton street on last Monday night. The Madam gave 52 messages from the passed out, which were all recognized. There were many turned away, but she makes everybody welcome at her meeting.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank Queen Esther Court, Ladies' Aid No. 1, the W. H. M. Society of Simpson Chapel and other friends for their kindness shown us during the saddest moments of our life, for the beautiful flowers given as a token of respect to our wife and mother, Mrs. Hallie F. Cook; also to O. H. Morgan and wife for their efficient services.

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Services for Sunday, March 9, as follows: 7:30, Holy Communion; 11, Holy Communion and sermon, topic, "The Marks of the Church"; 3, Children's Sunday School choral service and guest day; 8, evensong and sermon, topic, "Sacramental Worship."

On Sunday, March 21, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. J. M. Francis, D. D., will visit St. Philip's to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation.

COLORED MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS IN THE SEVERIN HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS.

Hoosier Society Orchestra Gives Regular New York Style of Entertainment—Russell Smith, Director.

(By E. C. K.)

Under the direction of Russell Smith, the well-known piano player and ex-"Smart Set" star, there went into the Severin Hotel last Saturday night an organization which from the start took the noted hostelry by storm. Some of the best musical organizations in the country have entertained at the Severin, among which was the famous College Inn Orchestra of Chicago, but the Hoosier boys nevertheless made good. Then, too, they are at the disadvantage of having worked around this town for a whole season, and having entertained several of the people who patronize the place where they are now, but they still hold their popularity to the extent of drawing large crowds to the dining room.

The members of the orchestra are as follows: Harrold Montgomery, violinist; saxaphonist, Will Williamson; banjo mandolinist, Dennis Washington, and Noble L. Sissle, trap drummer. Frank Brown and Russell Smith are pianist and musical director.

All the boys are experienced, Messrs. Brown, Smith and Sissle having entertained in New York and Chicago. So their brand of entertainment is far above the ordinary for this part of the country. The citizens of Indianapolis are very proud of the boys, as they are home talent, and we wish them a continued success.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday promises to be an unusual day at the Y. M. C. A.

"The Negro Before the Law" will be the subject of an address by Hon. Alvah J. Rucker before the men's monster meeting at 3 p. m. Mr. Rucker is a brilliant orator and a large crowd of men should greet the speaker. Special musical numbers will be given by the Hoosier orchestra.

Mr. W. R. Valentine will be the speaker for the boys' monster meeting at 3 p. m. This meeting bids fair to be the largest of the season so far. "Every Boy a Booster" is the slogan of the boys' department. The aim of the boys is to make the men sit up and take notice. The boys are coming from all parts of the city.

"The Half-Breed" will be the subject of a play to be given by the boys' department about the first part of March.

The campaign for new members of the boys' department came to a close Monday night. About eighty new members was the result. A banquet will be tendered all boys who brought in a new member Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

This has been a great week for the men at the Young Men's Christian Association. Dr. Robert L. Bradby, of Detroit, Mich., has held meetings every evening for the men. Dr. Bradby is especially adapted for work among men, and the evangelistic meetings were a great source of help to them. The following addresses were delivered during the week: Sunday, "Man and His Ideals"; Monday, "Fag End Religion"; Tuesday, "What Is God?"; Wednesday, "What Is Man?"; Thursday, "Two Steps from Death Unto Life"; Friday, to which men and women came, "The Price of Privilege." A large number of men made a decision to enter into the religious life as a result of Dr. Bradby's efforts. Mr. H. B. Britt and Mr. D. W. Reed, the blind evangelistic singer, furnished the music during the week.

The Folk Song Festival chorus will meet on Monday evening in the auditorium at 8 p. m. While the membership of the chorus is assuming large proportions, there is yet opportunity for those who have heretofore been unable to join.

It is possible that a game of basket ball will be played between the "Y" team and Wilberforce university in the near future. Watch for the date.

Dr. H. L. Hummons will address the gym Wednesday evening on "Alcohol and Tobacco." All men are invited.

Due to the large attendance of the junior gymnasium class it has been necessary to divide the class.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(By B. H. Burnett.)

Arthur James Patterson Found Dead.

Mr. Arthur James Patterson, aged 21, who was found dead in the rear of a garage at Seventh avenue and High street, was taken to the Whittaker Undertaking establishment and later identified as the son of Mr. Patterson, rear of 286 East Fourth avenue. Just what caused his death is not known, but it is thought by many he was overcome by gas fumes. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Bethany Baptist church, Dr. Carter officiating. Burial was in Union cemetery.

Mr. J. W. Jackson of 277 St. Clair avenue visited his sister, Mrs. Sallie Harris, of Cincinnati, Ohio, last Sunday.

Rev. I. A. Collins, pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, has been confined with lagrippe several days.

Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church will hold a trustee rally Palm Sunday. The following organizations are expected to report $100 each: The "Paying Brotherhood," J. J. Lee, president; Married Ladies' League, Miss Carrie Cooper, president; Wayman Guild Club, Mrs M Wilson, president; Helpers' Club, Annie Huse, president; North Carolina Club, A. L. Dean, president; M. C. Harris Bible Club, Mrs. Dr. Snelson, president. These clubs are preparing for a great day.

A surprise party was given Tuesday night in honor of Mrs. J. Ed. Johns, organist of Mt. Vernon church, who is expected to leave for Wheeling, W. Va., for a month's stay for her health.

Rev. Dr. Snelson made an Abraham Lincoln address before the Sixth Ward Republican club, 1053½ Mt. Vernon avenue, Tuesday evening, February 23.

The Mt. Vernon Avenue A. M. E. church's Mite Missionary society met at the residence of Mrs. Gordon on Thursday, March 4.

The supreme lodge, K. of P. of the World, will meet in Columbus the last of August. Great preparations are being made to make this a success.

There will be a St. Patrick's social given under the auspices of the Wayman guild at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Keller, March 17, at 1282 East Long street.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Howard, a woman of great religious culture and a powerful gospel evangelist, is now conducting a revival for the Rev. Dr. Collins at the St. Paul A. M. E. church at Long street and Jefferson avenue. Mrs. Howard, who is assisted by Miss Florida Calloway, will preach two wonderful sermons while in Columbus. On March 7 at 3:30 p. m., she will preach to women only. On Sunday, March 15, she will preach to men only. Let us all go and hear Mrs. Howard.

ONE OF BEAUMONT'S OLDEST AND BEST CITIZENS DIED.

Opening of the Port Arthur Social Club—Battling Ford Gives Exhibition.

Special to The Freeman.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Feb. 26.—Married Ladies' Clover Leaf Club met Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. H. Blount being hostess of the club. President, Mrs. H. Blount, opened the meeting in regular form. Roll was called and members responded with quotations. Those present were: Mrs. H. Blount, Mrs. H. A. Samuels, Mrs. B. R. Callies, Mrs. K. V. Seymour, Mrs. K. C. Smith, Mrs. M. Toliver, Mrs. B. V. LeBun, Mrs M. Parker, Mrs. F. W. Walker, Mrs. R. B. Hunter, Mrs. E. C. Gordon, Mrs. M. Gant. Mrs. Parker was a visitor of the club. She gave a small lecture on the work of our club which all enjoyed very much, after which the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. B. R. Callie next Wednesday afternoon. On adjourning the guests were ushered into the dining room where we were served to a two course luncheon which all enjoyed. The royal entertainer was served by Mrs. H. Blurst.

Geo. Norward and Battling Ford will soon open an athletic club for the training of those who wish to develop their strsngth. For other information see George Nowar or Battling Ford, 49 Forsythe street, Beaumont, Tex.

Thursday night, February 4, was the opening of the Port Arthur Social Club. Battling Ford and his training partner gave a six round contest after the benefit of the participants, after which refreshments were served. Music furnished by John Smith's parlor orchestra. Oliver Tillis, president.

The death angel visited the home of the Harris family, 575 Wood street, and carried away one of its inmates in the person of Shortie Harris, the father, leaving four children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was born in the year 1867, died Feb. 4, 1915, age 48 years. He was among the early settlers of Beaumont, Tex., and was loved by all whom he came in contact with, so the city of Beaumont joins the family in their bereavement.

Mr. Homer Johnson, the fashion plate of Beaumont, and tango dancer, will bring out new fad for spring. Keep your eyes on him.

Mr. C. W. Koons a young minstrel, has classy show at Fostoria, and will spend the winter in Beaumont. Any one wanting to write either of these parties write 475 Forsythe street, Beaumont, Tex.

Dr. James, of Nashville, Wins Hand of Eminent Prelate's Daughter.

Special to The Freeman.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Miss Carlotta Beatrice Phillips, daughter of the venerable Bishop C. H. Phillips and Dr. Joan C. James, a widely known young practicing physician throughout this city, were married January 29, at the home of the bride, 123 Fourteenth avenue North. Dr. and Mrs. James will reside in St. Louis after April 4.

ARDMORE, OKLA.

Mr. Malone was in the city from Marietta. .. Mrs. Sam Carter returned to her home after having an operation performed by Dr. Sparks. She is doing nicely. .. The rally at the Warren Chapel M. E. church was a success. .. Mr. Rellie Moore and John Henry Ray have opened a pressing and shining parlor at their old stand on East Main street. .. Rev. Russell has purchased a new piano for Mt. Zion Baptist church.

KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL!

Musical at St. John's A. M. E. Church under the Auspices of A. C. E. L.—Prof. Wm. H. Mayo left for Cincinnati, O., to Attend the Superintendents' Meeting of That State and Visit the Schools—Lankfort Brothers in Vaudeville Work—Mr. R H. Rutherford Vice President of the National Benefit Insurance Association Is in the City on Business.

(By Hardin Tolbert.)

FRANKFORT, Ky. — (Special) — George Washington's birthday was celebrated by a musical program at St. John A. M. E. church, which was largely attended. Instrumental duet, Mrs. T. D. McKee and Miss Jenet Robb; invocation, Rev. D. C. Carter; vocal solo, Miss Jessie P. Jackson; instrumental solo, Mr. Chas. M. Trotter; vocal duet, Misses Etta and Marie Banks; instrumental solo, Mr. Buford Williams; quartette, Messrs. Taylor, Fielding, J. and E. McClaskey; cornet solo, Mr. Wm. Beard; vocal solo, Mr. Robert Dowery; instrumental solo, Miss Juanita Robinson; vocal solo, Mr. Clarence Washington; instrumental solo, Miss Charity Boyd; vocal solo, Mr. James Hudson; instrumental solo, Mr. Arthur B. Beatty; vocal solo, Miss Cassie Weiseger. Committee: Thos. W. Roach, Jessie P. Jackson, Mary F. Berry and Robert L. Dowery.

Prof. Wm. H. Mayo, principal of the Clinton Street high school for three decades, a thirty-third degree Mason, a prominent K. of P., left for Cincinnati, O., to attend the superintendents' meeting of that state, of which he is a former native, where he received his early training. Prof. Mayo will visit the various schools of that city and inspect every feature of their work. His aim is to put the Clinton Street high school upon as high a basis as any of the secondary schools in the country.

Mr. R. H. Rutherford, of Washington, D. C., vice president of the National Benefit Insurance Association, arrived in the city after the decision of the Court of Appeals. He was interviewed by your correspondent. Mr. Rutherford said that they would open an office in Louisville, Lexington and Frankfort at once and begin business. Further details of the interview will be given next week as it is near time for the matter to go to the mail

Messrs. Paul Lankfort and Joe Williams, both experienced theatrical performers, have formed a team. They have some original new stunts and are very clever. Both are good comedians. Williams can well play the part of a girl in impersonations.

Miss Elenora Boyd, the fascinating Frankfort girl, has returned from Louisville, the guest of her parents.

Mr. Evens Burton, the popular pianist at the New Columbia, left for Louisville. He was very popular among the girls and boys.

Mrs. T. Childes and sister, Mrs. Mary L. Webster, attractive young ladies, left for Midway to spend a few days with relatives.

The Hospital Club is making some very rapid strides in equipping their new building.

The Economic Club is doing much charitable work among the poor people.

Mrs. Tibatha Anderson, on the North Side, and Mrs. Mattie Lee Anderson, of the South Side, have opened moonlight schools. They are having a nice success.

Mr. Henry Green died after several months' illness.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Mr. Thomas Byars died Thursday, 18th, after lingering illness. His funeral was held Saturday 2 p. m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J. R. Evans and Rev. Waters.

Miss Viola and her brother, Prof. Hayes, of Atkinson College, were called last Monday to Cincinnati, O., to the bedside of their brother. He is quite ill and not expected to recover.

Miss E. B. Hawkins spent last Sunday in Henderson. While there she visited Rev. P. H. Kennedy, who is quite ill.

Mr. W. T. Linsay was called to Gracy, Ky., February 13, to the bedside of his father.

Miss Hazel White was called to Hopkinsville Friday 12th, on business.

Mrs. Lizzie Miller was called to Nebo, Ky., Sunday 14th, to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mr. Willie Green, which was held Monday conducted by Rev. J. R. Evans.

Mrs. Carrie Cunningham and Miss Queenie Warfield spent Sunday 14th visiting relatives and friends in St. Charles.

Mrs. Dora Williams, of Peoria, Ill., spent several days here visiting Mr. Frank Ryan, her son. She left last Monday for Olmstead, Ky.

Prof. and Mrs. S. G. Thomas were called last Friday to Guthrie, Ky., on account of the death of her aunt.

Rev. J. R. Evans spent a few hours in Henderson last Friday, visiting Rev. P. H. Kennedy.

PRINCETON, IND., NEWS.

Mr. Alexander Ellis, age 50 years, who had attended a big revival at the Olive Branch Baptist church, was converted and joined the Baptist church February 14, and died at his home February 21, at 6:30, Sunday morning, with heart failure. He told his friends Friday that his days were short. He died with a happy smile. He leaves a wife, a daughter Stella Ellis, of Danville, Ill. His brothers are Harman Ellis and Richard and Ben Ellis, of Indianapolis. His sisters are Mrs. Lizzie Jordan, of Logansport, Ind., Lulu Perry, Vincennes, Ind., Mrs. Harley Lucas, Indianapolis, and Miss Loustella Ellis, Indianapolis. Also a stepmother, Indianapolis. And he leaves a host of relatives and friends here besides his wife to mourn his loss, as he was loved by all. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

TOLEDO, OHIO.

The baby show for the benefit of the Third Baptist church, to be given by Mrs. B. M. Ward, is postponed from March 12th to April 12th.

A jitney social given by the Red Button Club for the building of Third Baptist church, at 546 Woodland avenue, March 12th. Everybody invited. A musical program will be rendered, also the Tipperary quartet will sing.

Raymond Jackson is improving after a slight operation at his home on Detroit avenue.

The Red Button Club met on Friday night with the captain, Russell Taylor, to arrange for a number of entertainments. Bear in mind that some time in April you will get a chance to take a trip around the world on your spring vacation. For particulars see the Chicago Refender.

Don't forget the jitney social at 546 Woodland avenue, March 12th.

Miss Florida Frye is on the sick list.

The cashier will be at your house soon. Please drop your change in the bank for the church for the April rally.

The Freeman on sale at Jackson & Vaughn, 7 North Erie street. Any notes for the paper leave there.

NEWS FROM THE GATE CITY OF THE SOUTH.

(By Billie Hooper.)

Special to The Freeman.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 5.—Skunktown Bowles says that Charles P. Bailey's new 81 Decatur street is the finest one that has yet been built for the colored people in the South. He has just arrived here from Florida to open the new theater, which occurred March 1. In spite of the hard times, the team of Daniel and Daniel is doing fine; they are working all the time, and make good everywhere they go. They always have something new up their sleeve to hand the theatergoing public. Mr. Lyons Daniels, the noted little manager and producer, formerly manager of the Twelfth Avenue theater, Nashville, Tenn., is forming one of the greatest stock companies of the event, barring none, assisted by James Ransom, the original funny man. Mr. Daniel would like to hear from A. Lincoln Harris and all other good performers. Write. Watch for the big ad in this paper next issue.

Stovall & Stovall, old folks, opened at the Dixie theater February 22 for a two weeks' engagement, and proved to be that and some more. Mrs. Stovall, singing Mr. Stovall's song hit, "One Man Broke My Heart," made a big hit. You know Mr. Stovall; he is funny; you can't get away from his act, and it is getting better. There is some talk about the Stovalls in Atlanta, but Mr. Stovall says there is nothing doing. Nina is here! You all know.

W. H. Ellis, who has been stage manager at the Majestic theater, is on a vacation. While resting Mr. Ellis has taken part with the white company known as Jones-Kelly Stock company, at the Atlanta theater, in company with Evelyn White and Lena Wiggins, also Nettie Edmondson, Tommie Parker and James Buckner. Mr. Ellis can be reached at 94½ Decatur street.

NEWS OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

Miss Eunice Melvin was hostess at a delightful meeting of the A. M. E. Sewing circle at her home on Ninth street Thursday evening. There were fifteen present. Mrs. Nettie Turner played some of her best selections on the piano, and they were very much enjoyed by all present, after which all were invited to the pretty dining room, where an elegant four-course luncheon was served at a beautifully decorated table. Two new members were added to the circle.

Pleasant Green Baptist church was favored with a most inspiring service when Rev. J. W. Dillon, one of the fathers of the gospel who has preached for more than fifty years, spoke. His text was "Forever, Oh, Lord. Thy Word Is Settled in Heaven." The sermon was very impressive. He told how the word of God had lifted nations to higher civilization and how, through its influence, we have been saved from the worship of idolatry.

The Wilhelmette club met at the home of Mrs. J. White of Fifteenth street. While the members were plying their needles on fancy work, delightful piano music was rendered by Miss Zelda White. At 4 o'clock a two-course lunch was served. Those present were: Mesdames H. Hubert, L. Crenshaw, P. Saunders, C. White, W. Hill, M. Chapman, G. Starks, Miss Normal Hill and Master Homer Starks.

The trustee helpers of the A. M. E. church had a cake sale at McConnell's store on Eleventh street last Saturday and it proved to be a great success. Many bought their Sunday dinner and saved themselves the trouble of cooking.

There was a very delightful time spent at the party. There were all ladies present. They drew the line on the men, so you know they had a good time, for everything went their way. There was a very fine lunch after the games were over. Mrs. Bunch was hostess. Those present: Mesdames G. Bush, W. Kirk, Misses A. Ridder, M. Shelton, H. Bunch and S. Warren.

There were great meetings at the Pleasant Green Baptist church last week. Rev. Finney of the Trinity, Rev. Cartwright of the Central Presbyterian, C. S. Brooks of the Christian, Rev. Osborn of the Y. M. C. A. and Rev. Dillon of the Biglow church attending.

Rev. Champman and the young men of the Pleasant Green Baptist church Bible class sent a petition to the mayor of the city in behalf of a young man of our race who was not guilty, and he was soon turned out, so let us all pay a little more attention to our boys when they are arrested and see who is who in the right way.

Mr. Edward Walton of Thirteenth street made his wife, Mrs. G. Walton, a present of a very fine player-piano.

A brave soldier and a splendid citizen passed to his final reward Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when death claimed Benjamin Lewis, colored, who died at the home of his brother, Robert Lewis, of 921 Washington street. Mr. Lewis had been ill for some time with Bright's disease. He took part in the fall of Vicksburg and served with distinction in the civil war, having for four years been a member of the 108th regiment. Mr. Lewis was a widower, and in addition to his brother, he leaves one son, Earl, of Chicago, and one daughter, Mrs. Melvin Leeper, of Massieville, Ross county, Ohio. He was born in Owensboro, Ky., and was about 82 years old. For more than thirty years he has been a resident of Portsmouth. The funeral services were conducted from the home of Robert Lewis of Washington street at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the officiating minister being the Rev. John Irvin. Interment was in Greenlawn cemetery.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Miss Birdie Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young, of Chicago, Ill., were quietly married to Mr. Will Copeland of Memphis at the residence of the bride's mother, 628 Orleans street, Memphis, Tenn., by the Rev. S. E. Griggs, Sunday, February 28, at 8 o'clock.

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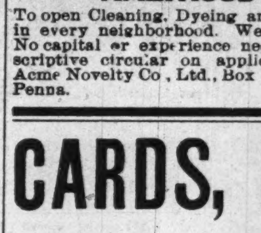

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